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I. ABOUT THIS MANUAL

This manual is divided into four sections, and contains information required for servicing the unit.

Part 1: Safety and Precautions

This section tells you how to service the unit safely. It is very important, so please read it.

Part 2: Product Specifications

This section outlines and specification.

Part 3: Operating Instructions

This section explains how to operate the unit properly. Information required about installation and service made.

Part 4: Technical Reference

This section outlines the way the unit operates so you can understand it technically.

Part 5: Maintenance

This section explains how to maintain the unit. Descriptions of assembly/disassembly, adjustment for assembly, troubleshooting procedures, and wiring/circuit diagrams are given.



Procedures for assembly/disassembly are not given in this manual.
See the illustrations in the separate Parts Catalog.

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1. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1.1 Moving Parts

The moving parts of the printer are shown below. They include the carriage belt, idler roller, carriage, slow down gear, paper feed roller, pressure roller, eject roller, spurs, and pick-up roller. The first three parts above are driven by the carriage motor while the latter are driven by the paper feed motor. Avoid getting hair, clothing, personal ornaments, etc., caught in these moving parts.

Also note that the spurs are made of metal and have sharp edges. Avoid touching these spurs with bare hands.

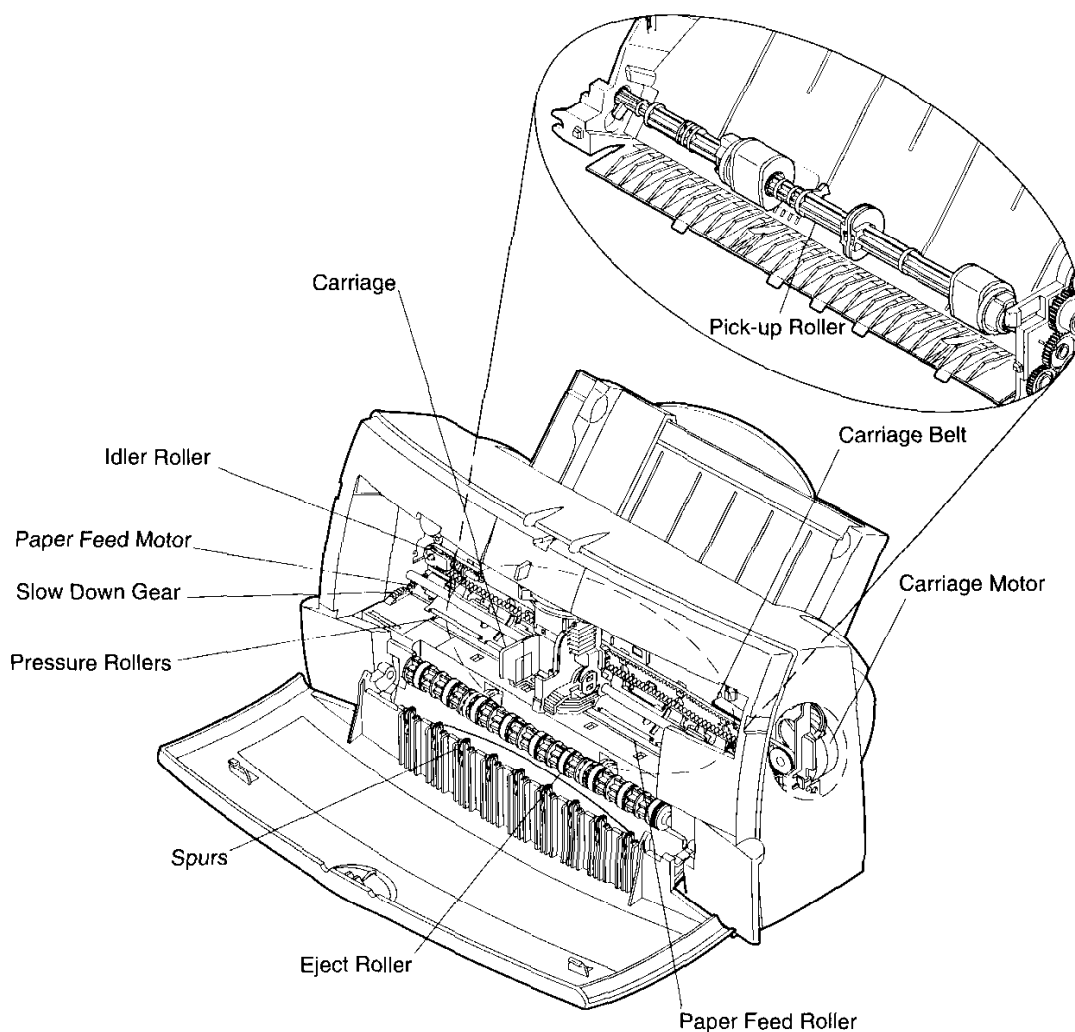


Figure 1-1 Moving Parts of the Printer

1.2 Ink Stains

1.2.1 Ink path

Do not touch any part in the ink path while servicing as the ink can stain hands, work table, clothing, etc.

The ink path consists of the BJ cartridge nozzles, head cap, head wiper, maintenance jet receiving section, and waste ink absorber.

In the case of color BJ cartridges, the cartridge's ink outlets and joint pipes are also part of the ink path.



Caution!

Although the ink is non-toxic, it contains organic solvents. Isopropyl alcohol 67-63-0, glycerin 56-81-5, and ethyleneglycol 107-21-1 in black ink and isopropyl alcohol 67-63-0 in color inks. Do not get ink in your eyes and mouth. If any ink should get into your eyes, wash out with plenty of water and consult a doctor. If a large amount of the ink is consumed, consult a doctor immediately. Give the doctor the information on the BJ cartridge label. Since the ink contains dyes, any ink stains on clothing, etc., are permanent.

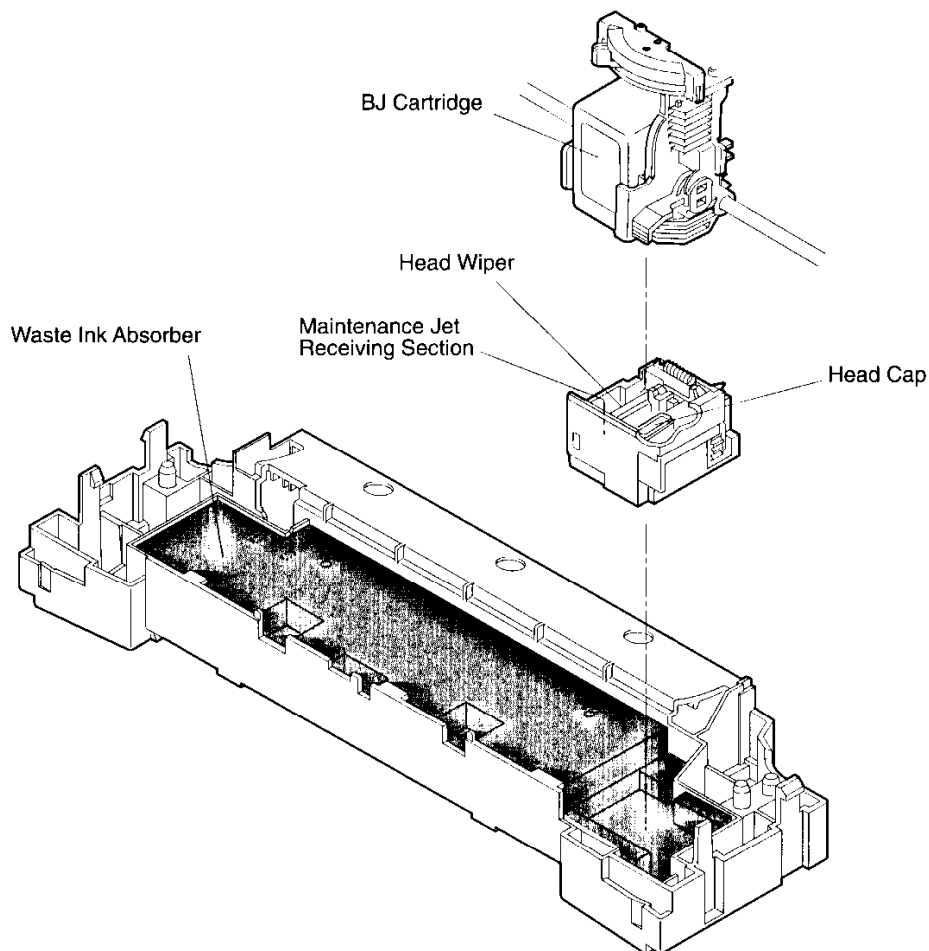


Figure 1-2 Ink Path

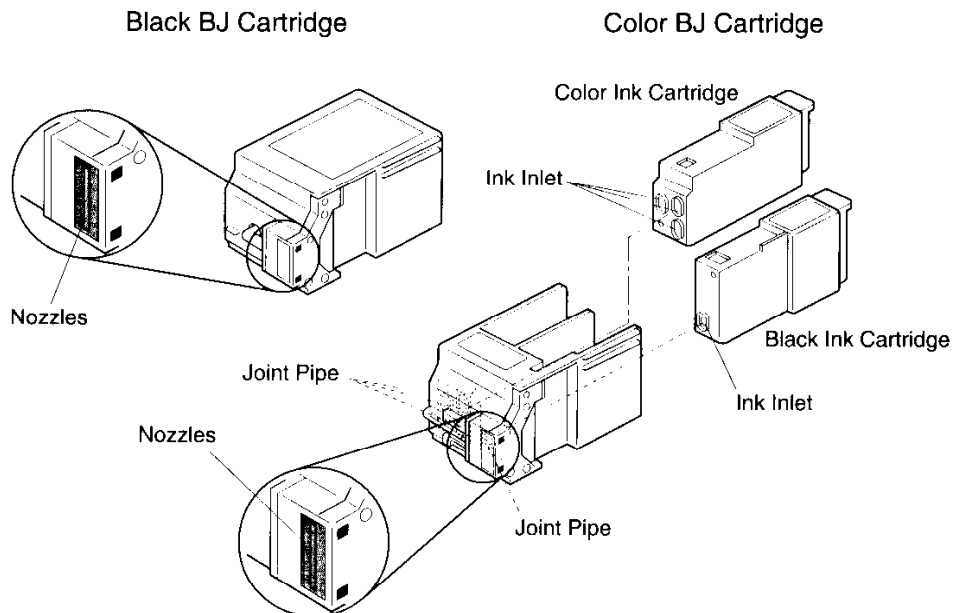


Figure 1-3 Ink Path of the BJ Cartridge

1.2.2 Ink mist

The BJ cartridge ejects ink onto the paper. During prolonged or heavy-duty use of the printer, the small amounts of ink mist which splatter off the paper during printing can contaminate the inside of the front cover and platen.

Clean any contaminated parts with a soft moist cloth. Ink in such areas can contaminate the back of the paper and dirty hands and clothing while servicing.

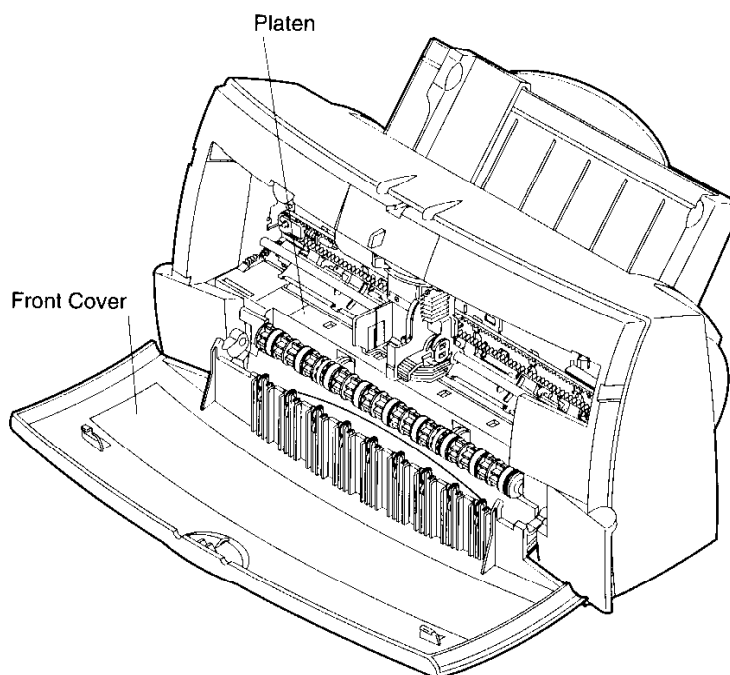


Figure 1-4 Ink Mist

1.3 BJ Cartridge Heat-Up

Do not touch the BJ cartridge's aluminum plate. The aluminum plate heats up during printing and becomes particularly hot during prolonged and continuous printing. It can overheat also if printing is continued even after the cartridge has run out of ink.

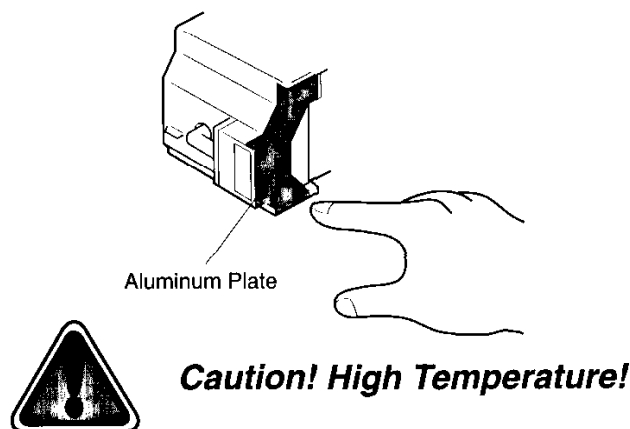


Figure 1-5 BJ Cartridge Aluminum Plate



The printer has a protective mechanism when the BJ cartridge heats up. The protective mechanism is activated when the head temperature (diode) sensor in the BJ cartridge senses a certain temperature.

Protection level 1:

This level prevents the user from touching the bubble jet head's hot aluminum plate when the bubble jet head is replaced. Depending on the protection level, the user may even be prevented from replacing the cartridge until after a set period of time passes.

Protection level 2:

If a still higher temperature is detected, the carriage is returned to the home position for 3.5 seconds after each line is printed. This continues for over 20 minutes to lower the bubble jet head's temperature increase.

Protection level 3:

If the temperature continues to increase, a head temperature error occurs. This stops the printing operation. If this still does not lower the head temperature, the sensor is deemed faulty and a head temperature sensor error will be indicated.



When printing is stopped by a head temperature error or a head temperature sensor error, follow the troubleshooting procedures in *Part 5: 6. TROUBLESHOOTING (page 5-10)*.

2. MACHINE PRECAUTIONS

2.1 Handling BJ Cartridges

2.1.1 Unpacking the BJ cartridge

Do not unpack the BJ cartridge until it is ready to be used. Before installing the BJ cartridge in the printer, remove the cap protecting the nozzles and gently peel off the protective tape.

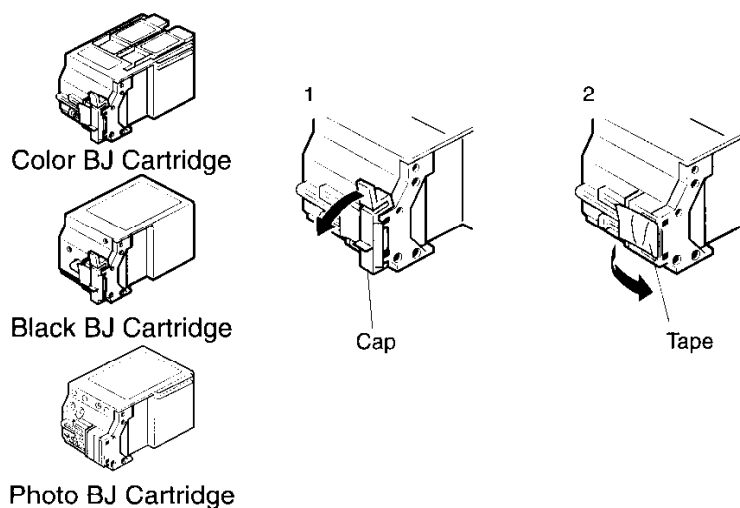


Figure 1-6 Removing the BJ Cartridge Protector

2.1.2 Preventing clogged nozzles

Never touch or wipe the nozzles with tissue paper, etc. to prevent them from clogging. To prevent dirt or dried ink from clogging the nozzles however, install the BJ cartridge immediately in the printer or in the cartridge container after removing the cap and peeling off the protective tape.

Do not attempt to reuse the cap or tape as doing so can cause print defects.

Do not store the color BJ cartridge with the ink cartridge removed.

BJ cartridges cannot be disassembled, reassembled, or washed.

NOTE

Clogged nozzles can cause white streaks across printed areas. If this problem persists even after the ink cartridge is cleaned by the printer, replace the BJ cartridge.

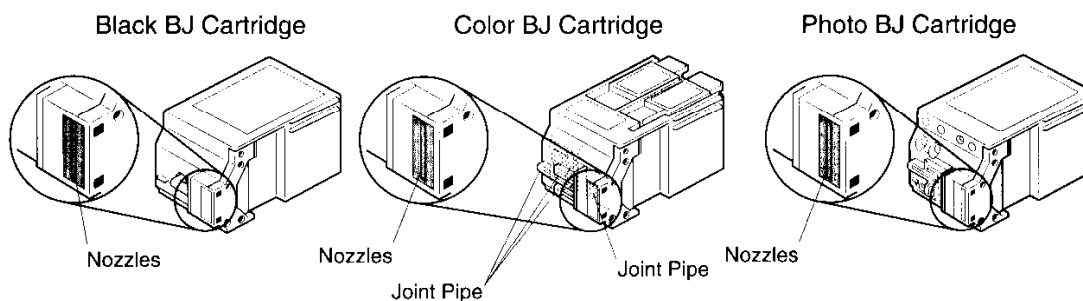


Figure 1-7 BJ Cartridge

2.1.3 Power on/off

When the printer is turned off with the *POWER* button and auto power off function, the printer automatically caps the BJ cartridge's nozzles for their protection and to prevent ink leakage.

If the DC power cord is disconnected before the printer is turned off with the *POWER* button, the nozzles will not be capped. In such cases, reconnect the DC power cord, start up the printer as usual, then turn off the printer with the *POWER* button.



If the nozzles are not capped, the ink may leak and dry out causing the nozzles to clog.

2.1.4 When not using the printer

Keep the BJ cartridge installed in the printer even when the printer is not in use. Also keep it installed while carrying, transporting, or storing the printer. If the BJ cartridge's package has been opened but the cartridge is not to be installed immediately, store the cartridge in the cartridge container.



If the BJ cartridge is removed from the printer, ink may leak and dry out causing the nozzle to clog.

2.1.5 Ink electroconductivity

The ink in the BJ cartridge is electroconductive. If ink leaks into the printer's mechanical parts, use a damp paper towel, etc., to wipe clean. If it leaks into the printer's electrical components, use tissue paper, etc., to wipe clean completely. If ink gets into the IC chips on the PCB and it is difficult to clean, replace the PCB.



Never turn on the printer if ink has leaked inside the printer. It may damage the circuitry.

2.2 Handling Ink Cartridges

2.2.1 Unpacking the ink cartridge

Do not unpack the ink cartridge until it is ready to be used. Before installing it in the color BJ cartridge, remove the cap covering the ink outlets.

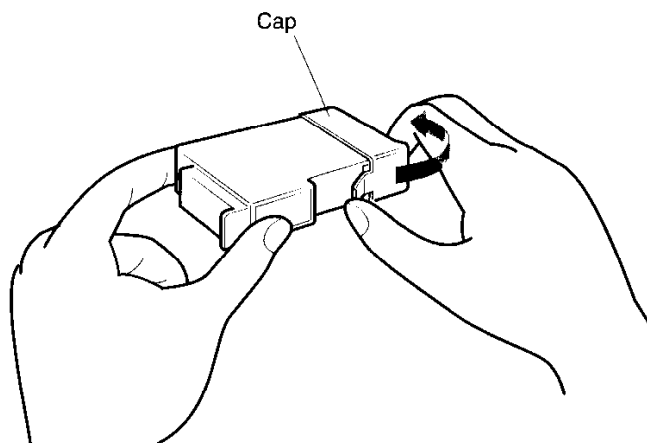


Figure 1-8 Removing the Ink Cartridge Cap

2.2.2 Preventing clogging

To prevent poor ink suction due to clogging of the joint pipes, never touch the ink cartridge's ink outlets. After removing the cap from the ink cartridge, promptly install the ink cartridge in the BJ cartridge to prevent the nozzles from clogging due to dried-out ink and dust, etc. Do not remove an ink cartridge from BJ cartridge unless replacing.

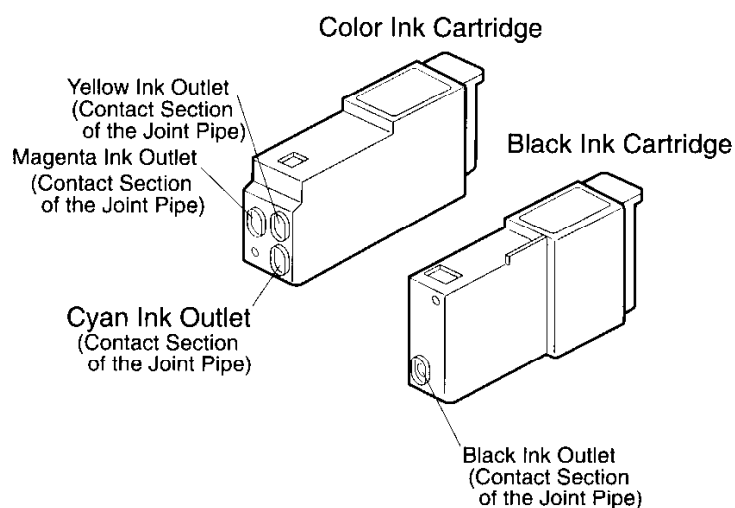


Figure 1-9 Ink Cartridge Protection

2.3 Printer Precautions

2.3.1 Spur deformation prevention

Do not deform the tips of the spurs.

The spurs come into contact with the paper after printing. As the actual contact surface is small, any ink adhering to the spurs is minute and wiped off by the spur cleaners. Therefore any ink on the spurs is not enough to contaminate the paper as it passes. However, if the spurs become deformed, their contact surface with the paper increases, causing more ink to adhere to each spur. Since the spur cleaner is unable to wipe off all the ink, a line of dotted ink may mask the printed paper.

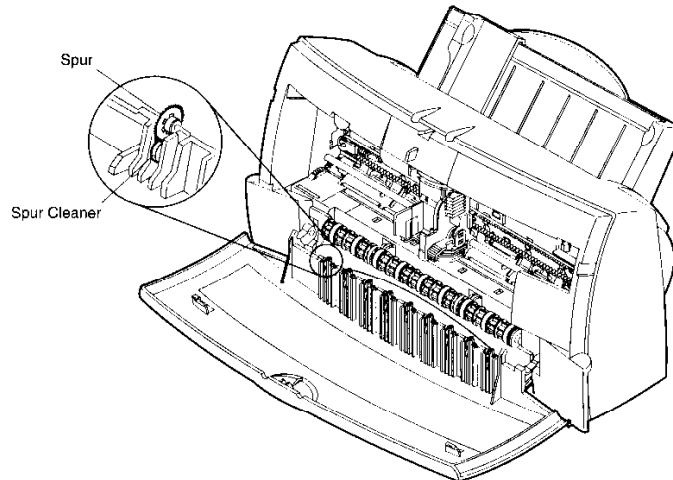


Figure 1-10 Spurs and Spur Cleaner

2.3.2 Static electricity damage prevention

The static charge that accumulates in your body from clothing can damage electrical components. Therefore never touch the electrical contacts of the carriage ribbon cable and BJ cartridge.



Electrostatic Discharge!

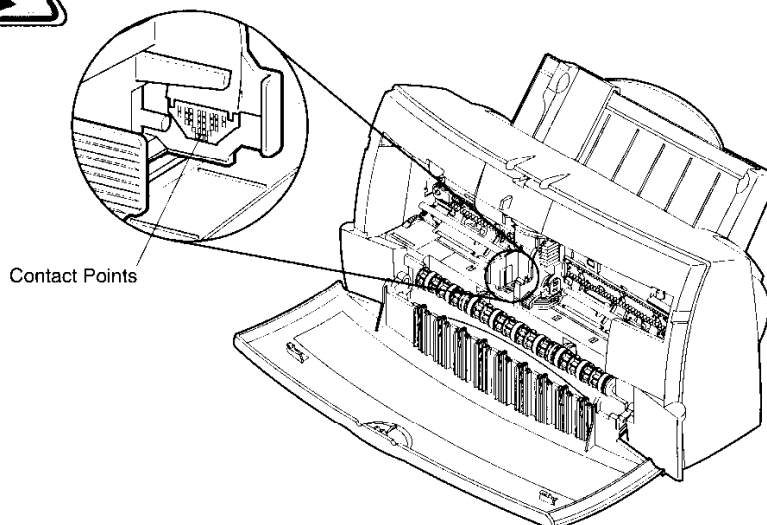


Figure 1-11 Carriage Ribbon Cable's Electrical Contacts

2.3.3 Ink leakage prevention

Do not pack, transport, or store the printer without a BJ cartridge installed. Without a BJ cartridge installed, the ink in the purge unit will leak and disperse inside the printer. When packing the printer, make sure the carriage is at the capping position (the right end of the platen).

The BJ cartridge's nozzles are capped automatically when the power is turned off with the *POWER* button. Do not disconnect the DC power cord before turning off the printer with the *POWER* button. Otherwise, the nozzles will not be capped.

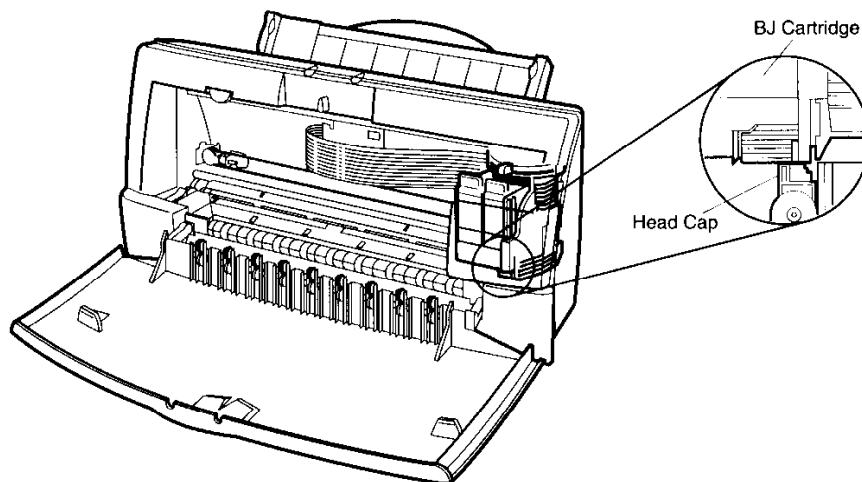


Figure 1-12 Capping Position

2.3.4 Waste ink adhesion prevention

When the printer is turned off with the *POWER* button, the printer automatically drives the gears in the purge unit (the maintenance jet receiving section) to remove waste ink on the gears. If waste ink remains on the gears, it may dry out and affect the purge unit's operation.

Do not disconnect the DC power cord before turning off the printer with the *POWER* button. Otherwise, the printer will not drive the gears to remove the waste ink. Always press the *POWER* button to turn off the printer before disconnecting the DC power cord.

3. PRECAUTIONS FOR SERVICE

3.1 EEPROM Data Precautions

The printer keeps track of various settings, the total waste ink amount, and the total sheets printed with the black and color BJ cartridges. This data is stored in the EEPROM on the logic board. Note the following precautions during servicing:

1) Before servicing

Check the EEPROM data with a test print. The total sheets printed can give you an idea of how much the printer has been used.

2) During logic board (EEPROM) replacement

Always visually check the waste ink amount absorbed by the waste ink absorbers and replace them when necessary as explained in *Part 5: 4.3 Logic Board and Waste Ink Absorber Replacement Cautions (page 5-5)*.

If the waste ink absorbers are not visually checked regularly, they may reach or exceed their full capacity before "waste ink full" is detected. The waste ink may therefore start leaking.

The memory data for the replacement logic board (EEPROM) is not defined.

Therefore, after replacing the logic board (and EEPROM), reset the total waste ink amount to zero by clearing the data.

3) After waste ink absorber replacement

After replacing the waste ink absorbers, reset the total waste ink amount to zero by clearing the EEPROM data.



After the EEPROM is reset, the data it contained cannot be printed out with a test printout. If you want to check the stored data, be sure to execute test printout before resetting the EEPROM.

When the stored data is reset, the various settings, the total count of printed sheets, and the total waste ink amount will all be reset. The total sheets printed and waste ink amount cannot be input using the control panel.



Immediately after you start using the printer, it keeps track of the estimated waste ink amount based on the usage conditions. To prevent ink leakage when the waste ink amount exceeds the waste ink absorption capacity, the printer stops printing and indicates an error when the waste ink absorption capacity is close to being full.

For details on checking the EEPROM data with a test printout and for clearing the data, see *Part 3: 3.6 EEPROM Reset (page 3-24)*.

If the printer stops operating in the case of a waste ink full error, follow the countermeasures described in *Part 5: 6. TROUBLESHOOTING (page 5-10)*.

3.2 Static Electricity Precautions

The static charge accumulated in the body from clothing can damage electrical components. To dispel the build-up of static electricity, touch a metallic object that is grounded. Be sure to do this before disassembling the printer for servicing. Before dispelling your static charge build-up, do not touch the electrical contacts on the logic board and on the carriage ribbon cable (see *Figure 1-11*) while the carriage ribbon cable is connected to the logic board.

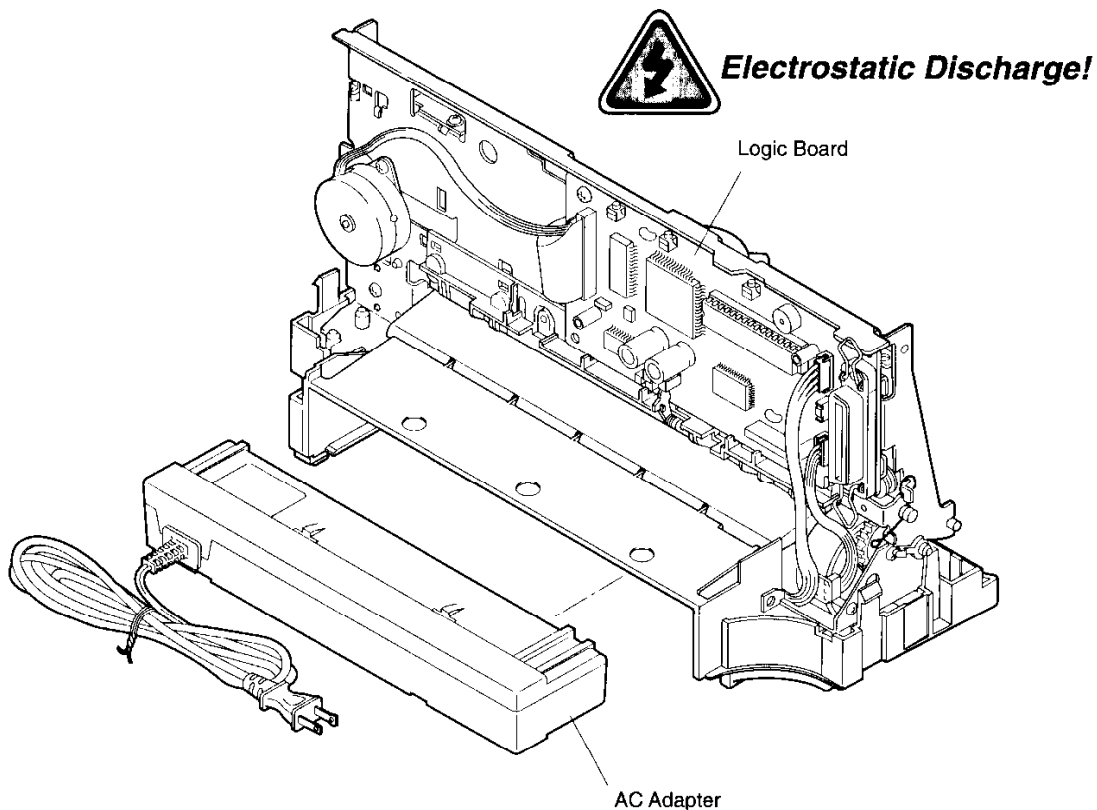


Figure 1-13 Electrical System of Printer

3.3 Disassembly and Reassembly Precautions

The printer is comprised of a large number of plastic parts. When disassembling the printer, take care not to break or bend plastic hooks.



Since some plastic parts contain glass fibers for extra rigidity and precision, but since their viscosity is low, plastic hooks can break easily when excessive force is used. Use a precision screwdriver, and do not pull plastic hooks with excessive force while unhooking them.

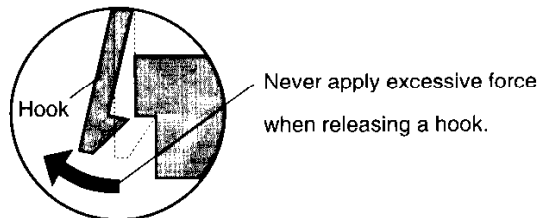


Figure 1-14 How to Release Plastic Hooks

3.4 Self-Diagnosis

The printer has a self-diagnosis feature to detect hardware defects. The results of the self-diagnosis are indicated by the indicators and the beeper. For details, see *Part 3: 3.1 Error Indications (page 3-13)*.

1. PRODUCT OUTLINE

1.1 Product Outline

This is a high-performance, desktop color printer mainly targeting the personal small office environment. This printer realizes photo-like high image printing and has improved operations compared to previous models. Through introducing the following features, competitiveness will be strengthened on the product market.

This printer employs a new cut sheet feeder with no select lever and a manual feeding slot (manual feeding is available with paper loaded in the cut sheet feeder). The printer utilizes a built-in AC adapter and replaceable black, color and the new photo BJ cartridge. This printer can be operated in a Windows environment with ease and setting can be adjusted with the BJ setup utility. The printer is capable of realizing 720(H)x360(V)dpi high quality printing (monochrome/color) and has an IEEE1284 compatible parallel interface. This new personal high performance printer addition to the printer lineup handles plain paper, is light in weight and very economically priced.

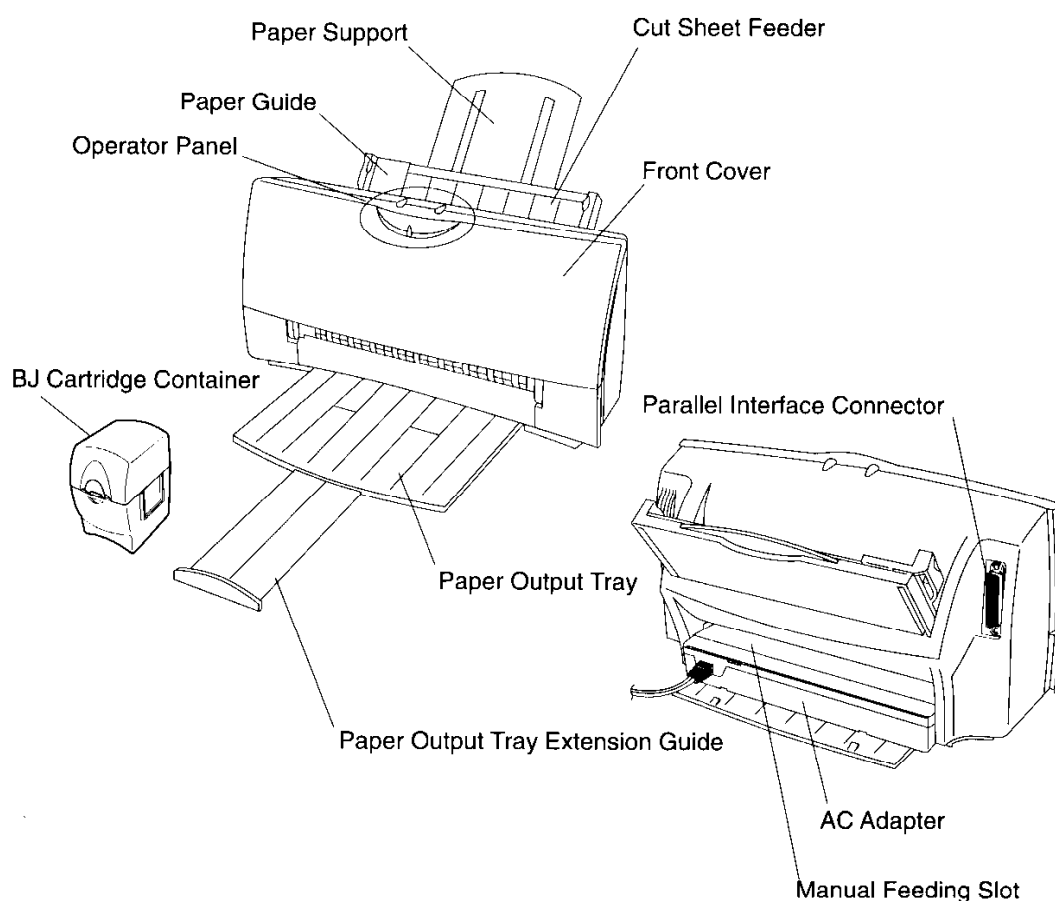


Figure 2-1 Printer Exterior

1.2 Features

1. Compact (desk-top size)
Dimensions: 383 mm W x 231.6 mm D x 203 mm H
Weight: Approx. 3.5 kg (7.7 lbs) (including color BJ cartridge)
2. Built-in AC adapter employs a high-current capable switching power supply, power saving control is not performed with print duty.)
3. Automatic power control (auto power on/off)
4. High quality printing of 720 x 360 dpi (in both monochrome and black when using the special printer driver)
5. Two standard built-in printer control modes
 LQ mode (EPSON LQ-2550 emulation)
 BJ mode (IBM Proprinter X24E emulation)
 [Canon extended mode is supported when using the canon printer driver.]
6. User replaceable BJ cartridge and photo BJ cartridge .

Color BJ Cartridge	Has separate ink cartridges (Bk) (Y, M, C) and the head with 136 nozzles in a vertical line; 64 nozzles (Bk) + 24 nozzles x 3 (Y, M, C).
Black BJ Cartridge	Contains the black ink and the head with 128 nozzles. Depending on each sales territory, it is not packed with the printer, but is available separately.
Photo BJ Cartridge	Has integrated ink cartridges with the head with 136 nozzles in a vertical line; 64 nozzles (Bk) + 24 nozzles x 3 (Y, M, C).
Black ink cartridge	Black ink cartridge for the color BJ cartridge.
Color ink cartridge	Tri-color (Y, M, C) ink cartridge for the color BJ cartridge.
7. Device ID compatible to "Plug and Play"
(Responds only to the device ID/status of nibble mode)
8. Printer settings with the BJ Setup Utility
9. Capable of the double paper feeding with the leverless cut sheet feeder and manual feed. (It is possible to feed paper manually even when the paper has been set on the cut sheet feeder.)
10. Photo-like high quality printing using the Photo kit option and the photo printing special driver.
11. Cartridge container packed with the printer.

1.3 BJ Cartridge

1.3.1 Color BJ cartridge

The disposable color BJ cartridge is comprised of a 136-nozzle print head and two replaceable ink cartridge (black and color).

When the ink runs out or more than 6 months elapse after the cartridge has been removed from its package, or if the print quality does not improve even after cleaning the head over five times, replace the ink cartridge.

Furthermore, if the print quality does not improve following replacement of the ink cartridge and after cleaning is performed over 5 times, replace the BJ cartridge. Since the three color inks are integrated, when one ink color runs out, the entire color ink cartridge must be replaced.

The first 24 nozzles are for yellow ink, the second 24 for magenta, the third 24 for cyan, and the remaining 64 nozzles are for black. A total of 136 nozzles are lined in a vertical.

About 160 sheets (in HQ mode with 1500-character pattern) can be printed with the black ink and about 90 sheets (in HQ mode, 7.5% duty per color pattern) with the color inks.

On plain paper and transparencies, 360 dpi (720 dpi horizontally with 720 dpi/smoothing mode) high-resolution printing is available.

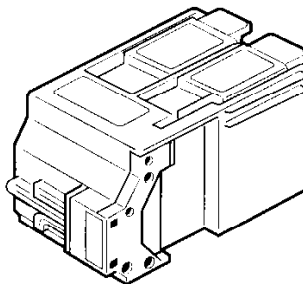


Figure 2-2 Color BJ Cartridge

1.3.2 Black BJ cartridge

The disposable BJ cartridge is used for ultra-high-speed mono-color printing. Its head has a 128 nozzle.

When the ink runs out or more than 6 months elapse after the cartridge is removed from its package or if the print quality does not improve even after cleaning the head over five times, replace the BJ cartridge.

This cartridge is capable of printing about 700 sheets (in HQ mode with 1500 characters per page).

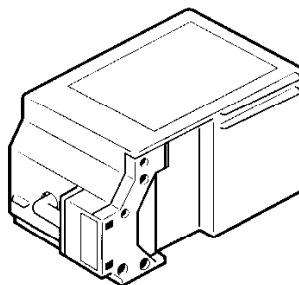


Figure 2-3 Black BJ Cartridge

1.3.3 Photo BJ Cartridge

The disposable photo BJ cartridge, used for printing color photographs is comprised of a 136-nozzle print head and two ink cartridges (black and color).

When the ink runs out or more than 12 months elapse after the cartridge is removed from its package, or if the print quality does not improve even after cleaning the head over five times, replace the ink cartridge.

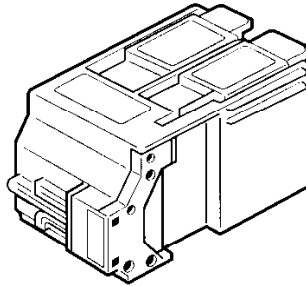


Figure 2-4 Photo BJ Cartridge

1.4 BJ Cartridge Container

The cartridge container is for storing unused BJ cartridges black, color and photo to protect the head from damage. When storing a BJ cartridge in this container, be sure to close the cover.

When storing a color BJ cartridge, do not remove the ink cartridges.

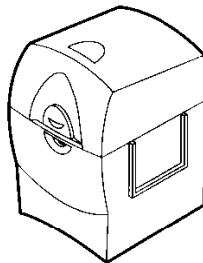


Figure 2-5 BJ Cartridge Container

1.5 AC Adapter

The AC adapter supplies DC power (5 VDC and 24 VDC) to operate the printer.

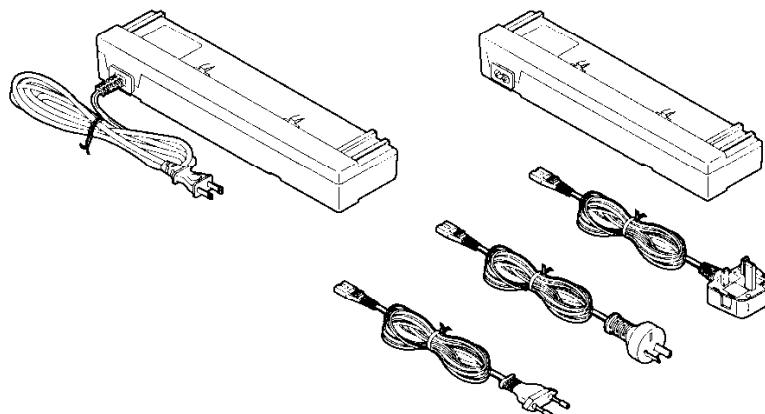
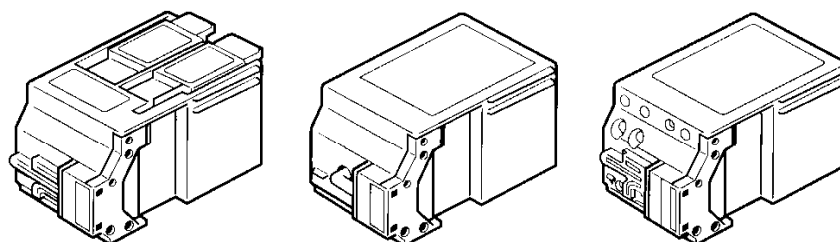


Figure 2-6 AC Adapter

1.6 Consumables

1.6.1 BJ cartridges (Color, Black, Photo)

Replacement BJ cartridges are identical to those included with the printer.



Color BJ Cartridge

Black BJ Cartridge

Photo BJ Cartridge

Figure 2-7 BJ Cartridges

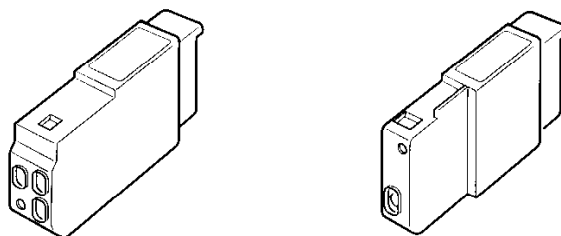
1.6.2 Ink cartridge (Color BJ cartridge)

Replacement ink cartridges are the same as those installed in the color ink cartridge and black ink cartridge. Either cartridge can be used for half a year after the seal is opened.

Numbers of sheets printed

Color ink cartridge: Approximately 90 sheets (HQ mode) (7.5% duty per color pattern)

Black ink cartridge: Approximately 160 sheets (HQ mode) (1500 characters)



Color Ink Cartridge

Black Ink Cartridge

Figure 2-8 Ink Cartridges

2. SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 General Specifications

1. Type

Desk-top serial color bubble jet printer

2. Paper feeding method

Auto feeding and manual feeding

3. Cut Sheet Feeder capacity

Plain paper: Maximum 10 mm (approximately 100 pages of 64g/m² paper)

Envelopes: 10 envelopes (Commercial number 10 and DL)

Transparencies: 50 sheets

BPF: 10 sheets

4. Manual feeding slot capacity

One sheet

5. Paper weight

Automatic feed / Manual feeding slot: 64 to 105 g/m² (17 lbs to 28 lbs)

6. Printing speed

Burst

	Color BJ Cartridge (Black printing)	Black BJ Cartridge (Black printing)
HQ mode	180 cps (10 cpi)	360 cps (10 cpi)
HS mode	255 cps (10 cpi)	510 cps (10 cpi)

7. Printing direction

Unidirectional

(Print direction is automatically changed according to optimum printing directional control.)

8. Printing width

Maximum 8"

9. Line feed speed

150 ms/line (2/6" line)

10. Built-in printing control modes

LQ mode: Epson LQ-2550 emulation

BJ mode: IBM Proprinter X24E emulation

(Canon extended mode is supported when the Canon driver is used.)

11. Line feed pitch (n: programmable)

LQ mode: 1/6", 1/8", n/60", n/72", n/180", n/216", and n/360"

BJ mode: 1/6", 1/8", n/180", and n/360"

11. Printing characters

Typefaces:	LQ&BJ mode	Roman, Gothic, Courier, Prestige, Script, Draft
Pitch:	LQ mode	10, 12, 15, 17, 20 cpi, and PS
	BJ mode	10, 12, 17 cpi, and PS
Character matrix:	HQ mode	36 (H) × 48 (V) dots
	HS mode	18 out of 36 (H) × 48 (V) dots
Character set:	LQ mode	Italic character set and Graphic character set and International character set
	BJ mode	IBM character set 1, 2 and all character set (code page 437, 850, 852 860, 863 and 865)

12. Number of columns printed

	Mode	Pitch	cpi *
LQ mode	10 cpi	10 cpi	80 cpl
	10 cpi doublewide	5 cpi	40 cpl
	10 cpi condensed	17 cpi	136 cpl
	10 cpi condensed-doublewide	8.5 cpi	68 cpl
	12 cpi	12 cpi	96 cpl
	12 cpi doublewide	6 cpi	48 cpl
	12 cpi condensed	20 cpi	160 cpl
	12 cpi condensed-doublewide	10 cpi	80 cpl
	15 cpi	15 cpi	120 cpl
	15 cpi doublewide	7.5 cpi	60 cpl
	Proportional spacing	PS	Varies
BJ mode	10 cpi	10 cpi	80 cpl
	10 cpi doublewide	5 cpi	40 cpl
	10 cpi condensed	17 cpi	136 cpl
	10 cpi condensed-doublewide	8.5 cpi	68 cpl
	12 cpi	12 cpi	96 cpl
	12 cpi doublewide	6 cpi	48 cpl
	Proportional spacing	PS	Varies

* cpl: characters per line

13. Bit image

Vertical: 8, 24 and 48 dots

Horizontal: 60, 120, 180, 240, 360 and 720* dpi

* In smoothing mode or when using the Canon driver.

14. Buffer

	Receive buffer	Download buffer
LQ mode	26 kB	32 kB
BJ mode	26 kB	0 kB

15. Interface

IEEE1284 compatible parallel interface

16. BJ cartridge**Color BJ cartridge**

Type: Color BJ cartridge with replaceable ink cartridges

Print head: 136 nozzles (vertically-lined) Bk (64 nozzles) + Y, M, C (24 nozzles × 3)

Ink colors: Black, cyan, magenta, yellow

Service life:

Approximately 160 pages (in the HQ mode with 1500 character pattern) with a black cartridge

Approximately 90 pages (in the HQ mode) with a color cartridge (7.5% duty per color pattern)

Weight: Approximately 85 g (3.0 oz) (including black and color ink tanks)

Black BJ cartridge

Type: Black BJ cartridge with integrated ink

Print head: 128 nozzles (vertically-lined)

Ink color: Black

Service life: Approximately 700 pages (in the HQ mode); cartridge

Weight: Approximately 85 g (3.0 oz)

Photo BJ cartridge

Type: Color BJ cartridge with integrated ink

Print head: 136 nozzles (vertically-lined) Bk (64 nozzles) + Y, M, C (24 nozzles × 3)

Ink colors: Black, cyan, magenta, yellow

Weight: Approximately 80 g (2.8 oz)

17. Sensor functions

Paper out: Provided

Paper width: None

Installation of BJ cartridge: Provided

BJ cartridge identification: Provided

Waste ink amount: Provided

Ink out: None

18. Acoustic noise level

Approximately 45dB (A)/ HQ (Sound pressure level: According to ISO 9296)

19. Ambient conditions

	During operation	During storage
Temperature	5°C to 35°C (41°F to 95°F)	0°C to 35°C (32°F to 95°F)
Humidity	10% to 90%RH (no condensation)	5% to 95%RH (no condensation)

20. Power source

	Voltage/Frequency	Power consumption	Stand-by status
USA/Canada	AC 120V 60 Hz	Max. 30 W	Max. 4 W
UK/Australia	AC 240V 50 Hz		
Europe	AC 230V 50 Hz		

21. Dimensions

383 mm W × 231.6 mm D × 203 mm H

22. Weight

Approximately 3.5 kg (7.7 lbs) (including BJ cartridge)

2.2 Paper Specifications

2.2.1 Paper size

Letter (8.5" × 11")
 Legal (8.5" × 14")
 A5 (148 mm × 210 mm)
 A4 (210 mm × 297 mm)
 Commercial number 10 envelope (9.5" × 4.1")
 European DL-size (220 mm × 110 mm)

2.2.2 Paper type (Recommended)

Plain paper
 Bubble jet paper (Canon LC-301)
 Coated paper (Canon coated paper LC-101)
 Envelope (Commercial number 10 or European DL)
 Transparencies (Canon transparency film CF-102)
 BPF (Canon back print film BF-102)
 Glossy paper (Canon glossy paper GP-101)
 High gloss paper (Canon high gloss Film HG-101)
 Fabric (Fabric sheet FS-101)

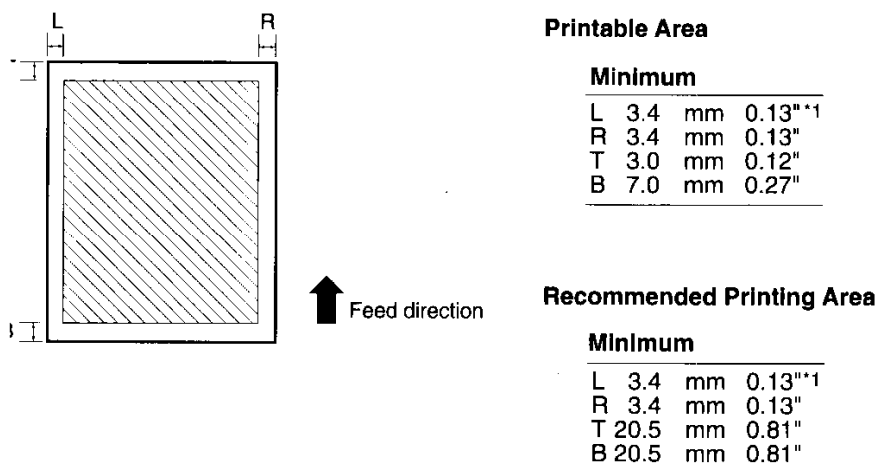
2.2.3 Print paper

Media	Thickness Lever		Paper Feed	
	Black	Color/Photo	Method	Limit
Plain paper	Left	Center	Auto	10 mm
Coated paper		Center	Auto	10 mm
Envelopes		Right	Auto	10
Transparencies		Center	Auto	50 sheets
Back Print Film		Center	Auto	50 sheets
Glossy Paper		Center	Auto	1 sheet
Heavy paper		Right	Manual	1 sheet
High Gloss Film		Center	Manual	1 sheet*1

2.2.4 Printing range

1) Plain paper and special media

The shaded portion in the diagram below shows the printable area and recommended printing area for paper and special media.

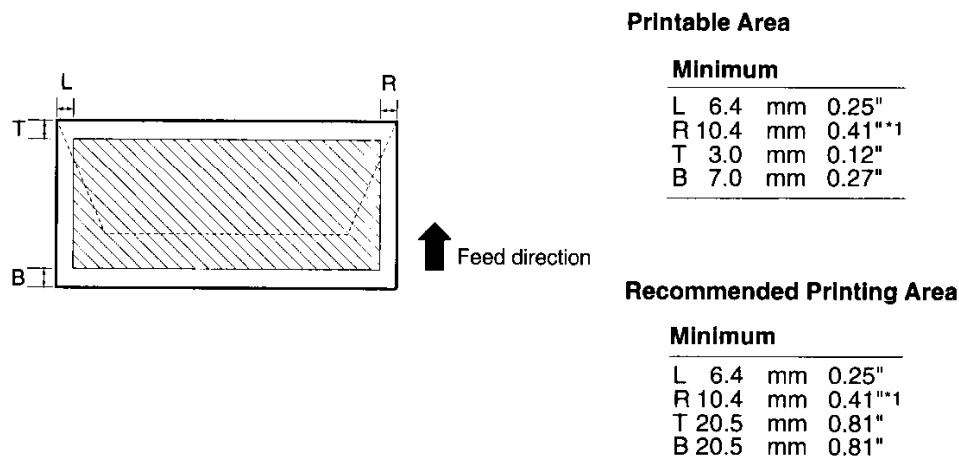


*1:LTR is selected in the BJ setup utility program, L is 6.4mm(0.25") minimum.

Figure 2-9 Printing Area

2) Envelope

The shaded portion in the diagram below shows the printable area and recommended printing area for U.S. Commercial 10 envelopes (9.5 × 4.1 inches) and European DL-size envelopes (229 × 110 mm).



*1:For Commercial number 10 envelopes,31.4mm(1.2").

Figure 2-10 Printing Area (Envelope)

2.3 Interface Specifications

The parallel interface sends 8 bits (one byte) of data at a time and is transistor-transistor-logic (TTL) compatible.

The interface cable must be constructed of American Wire Gauge (AWG) No. 28 or larger. The maximum length of the twisted-pair shielded cable must be 2.0 m (approximately 6.6 feet).

1) Interface Type

IEEE1284 compatible parallel interface

2) Data transfer

8-bit parallel interface

3) Signal voltage levels

Low: 0.0 V to +0.8 V

High: +2.4 V to +5.0 V

4) Input/ output

Each signal pulled up with +5V.

5) Interface cable

Type: Twisted-pair shielded cable

Material: AWG#28 or larger

Length: Up to 2.0 m (6.6 feet)

6) Interface connectors

On printer: Amphenol 57-40360 (or equivalent)

On cable: Amphenol 57-30360 (or equivalent)

7) Input/ output signals and pin layout

Compatible mode

No.	Signal	I/O	No.	Signal	I/O
1	STROBE	IN	19	STROBE-RET ¹	...
2	DATA1	IN	20	DATA1-RET	...
3	DATA2	IN	21	DATA2-RET	...
4	DATA3	IN	22	DATA3-RET	...
5	DATA4	IN	23	DATA4-RET	...
6	DATA5	IN	24	DATA5-RET	...
7	DATA6	IN	25	DATA6-RET	...
8	DATA7	IN	26	DATA7-RET	...
9	DATA8	IN	27	DATA8-RET	...
10	ACKNLG	OUT	28	ACKNLG-RET	...
11	BUSY	OUT	29	BUSY-RET	...
12	P.E.	OUT	30	P.E.-RET	...
13	SELECT	OUT	31	INIT	IN
14	AUTO FEED XT ⁴	IN	32	ERROR	OUT
15	N.C ²	...	33	GND	...
16	INIT	IN	34	N.C ²	...
17	GND	...	35	+5.0V ³	...
18	N.C ²	...	36	SELECT IN ⁴	IN

*1. All-RETs are connected to GND.

*2. N.C means no connection.

*3. The level is pulled up with +5.0V through 5.6kΩ resistor.

*4. These signals are effective only in LQ printer control mode.

Nibble mode

No.	Signal	I/O	No.	Signal	I/O
1	HOSTCLK	IN	19	Signal Gnd	...
2	DATA1	IN/OUT	20	Signal Gnd	...
3	DATA2	IN/OUT	21	Signal Gnd	...
4	DATA3	IN/OUT	22	Signal Gnd	...
5	DATA4	IN/OUT	23	Signal Gnd	...
6	DATA5	IN/OUT	24	Signal Gnd	...
7	DATA6	IN/OUT	25	Signal Gnd	...
8	DATA7	IN/OUT	26	Signal Gnd	...
9	DATA8	IN/OUT	27	Signal Gnd	...
10	PTRCLK	OUT	28	Signal Gnd	...
11	PTRBUSY	OUT	29	Signal Gnd	...
12	ACKDATAREQ	OUT	30	Signal Gnd	...
13	XFLAG	OUT	31	INIT	IN
14	HOSTBUSY	IN	32	DATAAVAIL	OUT
15	Not Defined	...	33	Not Defined	...
16	INIT -RET "	...	34	Not Defined	...
17	F.G	...	35	Not Defined	...
18	Vcc	...	36	1284Active	IN

*1.All-RETs are connected to GND.

8) Input/ output signals:**Compatible Mode****STROBE [Input]**

This signal is used to read DATA1 to DATA8. The signal becomes valid after BUSY signal goes Low and the printer outputs an ACKNLG signal. The host computer does not send the next signal until it receives ACKNLG signal. It is normally High, after becoming Low, the printer receives data. When the signal remains Low, the printer does not operate until it goes High.

DATA1 to 8 [Input]

The printer receives data with the $\overline{\text{STROBE}}$ signal. The state of each bit of the signal must be maintained for at least 0.5 μs from the rising edge of the $\overline{\text{STROBE}}$ signal.

ACKNLG [Output]

This signal is a response signal to the $\overline{\text{STROBE}}$ signal. The host computer does not send the next $\overline{\text{STROBE}}$ signal until this signal is sent. When the power is turned on or the BUSY signal goes Low for the input of the INIT signal, this signal is sent regardless of the $\overline{\text{STROBE}}$ signal.

BUSY [Output]

When this signal is High, the printer is BUSY; when Low, the printer is READY. The signal goes high when data is received, when the printer is offline, or when an error occurs (paper-out, paper jam).

P.E. [Output]

When the printer cannot feed paper, this signal goes High. Then BUSY signal goes High and the SELECT and FAULT signals go Low. The signal goes Low when the paper is set and the printer goes online. FAULT and SELECT signals then go High from Low. If paper is not ejected (paper jam) by executing a paper eject command, this signal and BUSY signal go High, and SELECT and FAULT go Low. In this case, the signals do not change even if the paper is ejected.

SELECT [Output]

The printer is SELECT when this signal is High. The printer is DESELECT when this signal is Low. This signal goes Low when the printer is offline, when an error occurs (paper-out, paper jam, head error, etc.).

AUTO FEED XT [Input] (Valid in LQ mode)

When this signal is Low, automatic line feed mode (Carriage Return and Line Feed) is effective.

The printer judges the level of this signal only when it is turned on or is initialized by the INIT signal.

INIT [Input]

INIT from the system resets the printer to its initial power-on state. In BJ mode, the BUSY line goes high, and any received data is printed. In LQ mode, the BUSY line goes high, and the print buffer is cleared. When INIT goes low, it resets the printer to the power-on default state.

FAULT [Output]

This signal goes Low when the printer is in an error state (paper-out, paper jam, etc.).

SELECT IN [Input] (Valid in LQ mode)

When this signal is High, the DC1 and DC3 codes are valid; When Low, they are invalid. The printer judges the level of this signal when it is turned on or is initialized by the INIT signal.

Nibble Mode**Host Clk (Input)**

STROBE signal to read DATA 1 to DATA 8.

Negotiation phase:

Trigger signal to send the protocol confirmation to the printer.

DATA 1-8 (Input)

The printer receives data with the Host Clk signal.

The state of each bit of this signal must be maintained for at least 0.5 μ s from the rising edge of the Host Clk signal.

Ptr Clk (Output)

Reverse data transmission phase:

The printer requests the host computer to read the data by making the Ptr Clk Signal Low. After finishing reading, the host computer notifies peripheral equipment of completion of data receiving by making the Host Busy signal High.

Ptr Busy (Output)

Reverse data transmission phase:

Indicates bit 3 and bit 7 of the transmission data.

Ack Data Req (Output)

- Reverse data transmission phase:

Indicates bit 2 and bit 6 of the transmission data.

- Negotiation phase:

Trigger signal to inform the host computer of the printer's condition (whether it supports nibble mode or not, whether there is reverse transmission data or not).

Xflag (Output)

- Reverse data transmission phase:

Indicates bit 1 and bit 5 of the transmission data.

- Negotiation phase:

Informs the host computer whether the printer supports nibble mode or not, synchronizing with the falling edge of the Ack data Req signal. "L" means that it supports nibble mode.

Host Busy (Input)

- Reverse data transmission phase:

Indicates that the host is ready to receive the data from the printer by making the Host Busy signal Low. After that, it goes high to synchronize with the Low pulse of Ptr Clk signal to verify receiving data.

- Reverse idle phase:

The Host Busy signal goes high in response to the Low pulse of the Ptr Clk signal, and enters the reverse data transmission phase again.

nINIT (Input)

When this signal becomes "L", the printer's state becomes BUSY. When the signal changes from "L" to "H", it resets the printer control system to the initial state.

This signal is normally "H" and the pulse width must be at least 0.5 μ s at the printer side.

After initializing, the printer enters compatible mode.

nDataAvail (Output)

- Reverse data transmission phase:

Indicates bit 0 and bit 4 of the transmission data.

- Negotiation phase:

Informs the host computer if there is reverse transmission data or not to synchronize with the falling edge of the Ack Data Req signal. "L" means that there is reverse transmission data.

1284 Active (Input)

This signal confirms that the printer is a 1284 compatible device when 1284 Active signal goes High and Host Busy signal goes Low. It goes Low with the termination phase.

9)Timing

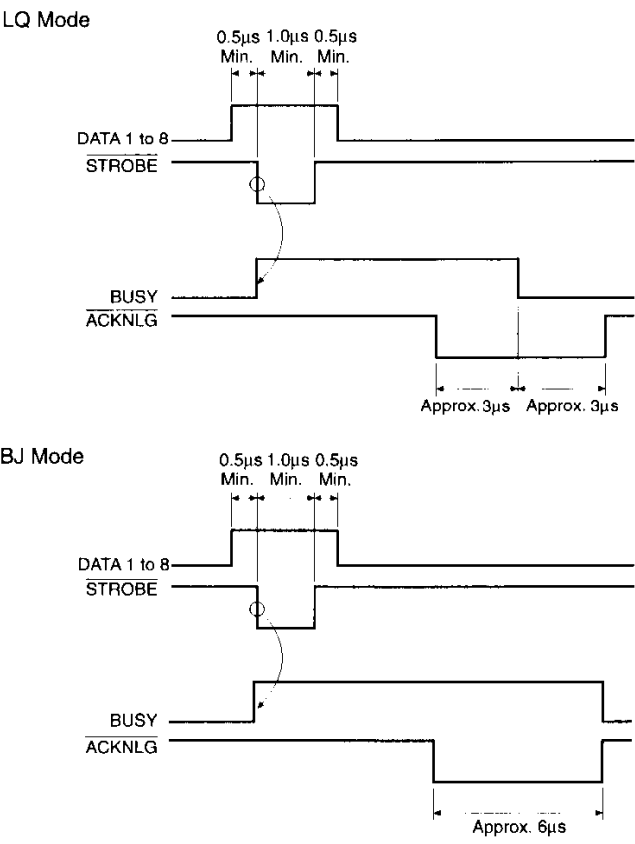


Figure 2-11 Timing Chart (Compatible Mode)

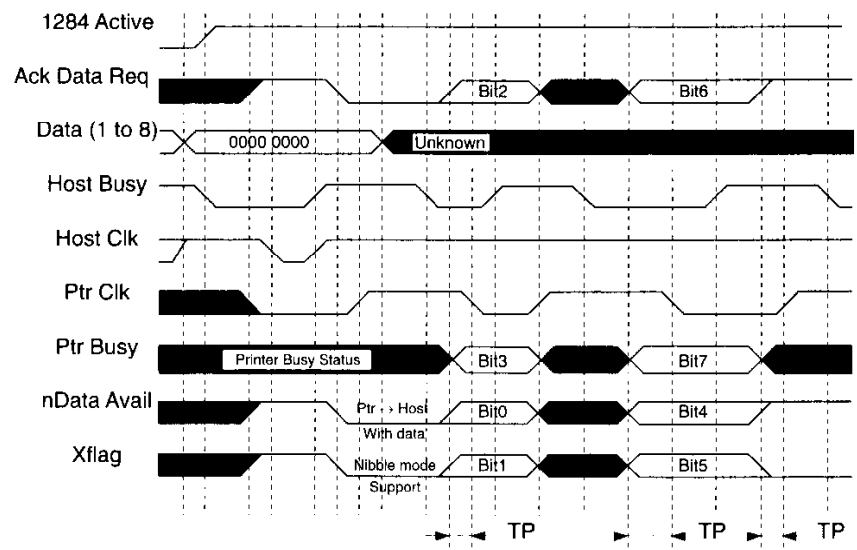


Figure 2-12 Timing Chart (Nibble Mode)

2.4 Character Code Tables

2.4.1 BJ mode

a) USA Code page 437

Hex No.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	
0	ø	►	SP	0	@	P	ˆ	p	Ç	£	á		Ł	ł	α	≡	0000
1	φ	◄	!	1	A	Q	a	q	ù	æ	í		ı	ı̇	ß	±	0001
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b) Multilingual Page 850

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c) Turkish Code Page 852

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d) Portuguese Code Page 860

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e) Canadian French Code Page 863

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f) Norwegian Code Page 865

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2.4.2 EPSON mode

a) Epson Italics Character Set

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b) Epson Graphics Character Set

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3		DC3	#	3	C	S	c	s	â	ô	û				π	≤	0011
4		DC4	\$	4	D	T	d	t	ä	ö	ñ		-	Ł	Σ	ƒ	0100
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6			&	6	F	V	f	v	ä	ö	ñ		†	†	u	÷	0110
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8	BS	CAN	(8	H	X	h	x	è	ý	z		‡	‡	ø	°	1000
9	HT	EM)	9	I	Y	i	y	è	ó	ı		‡	‡	ø	°	1001
A	LF		*	:	J	Z	j	z	è	ó	ı		‡	‡	ø	°	1010
B	VT	ESC	+	:	K	[k	{	ı	ç	ı		‡	‡	ø	°	1011
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c) International Character Set

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1. PRINTER SETUP

1.1 Equipment Check

After unpacking the printer, make sure the items below are included:

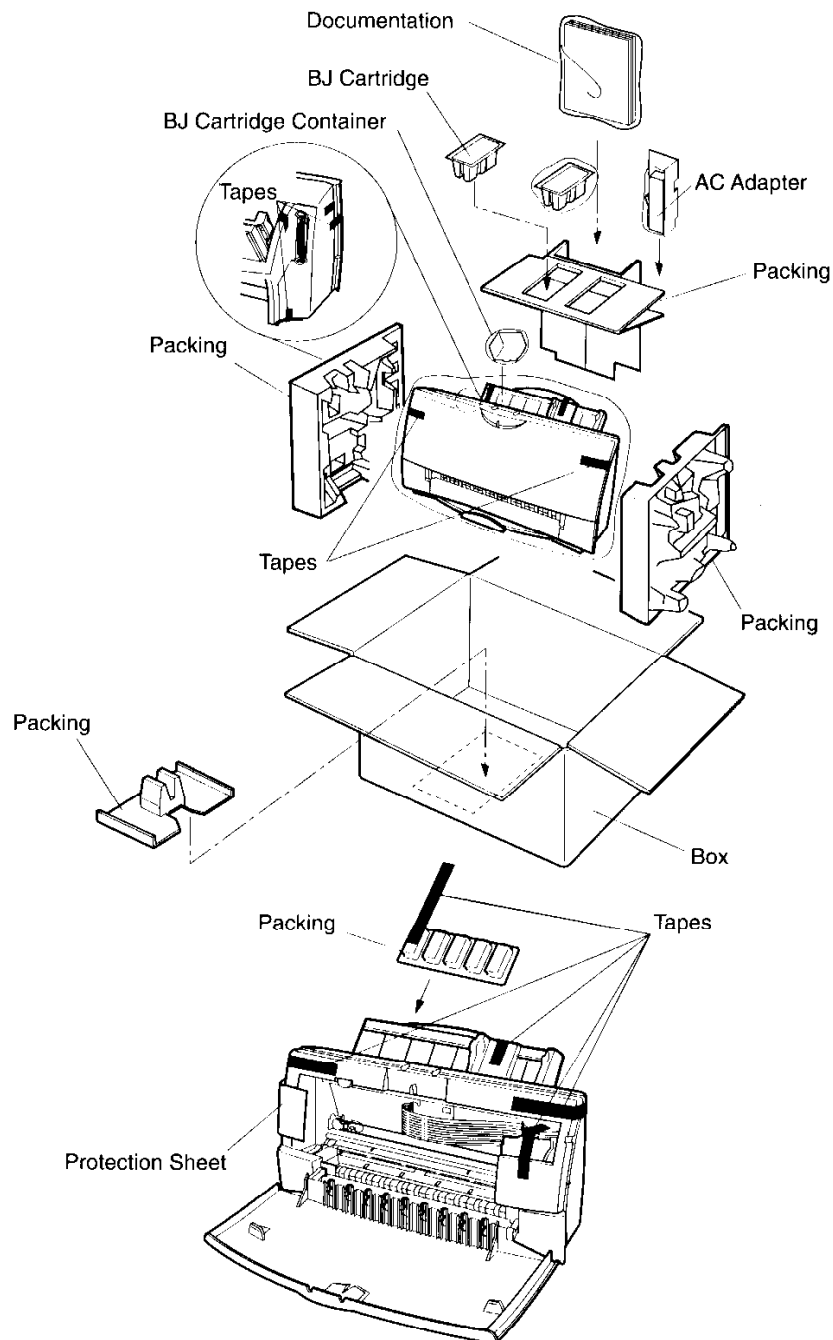


Figure 3-1 Packaging

1.2 Printer Dimensions

The printer's dimensions are shown below. Allow enough space for the printer to be used with ease.

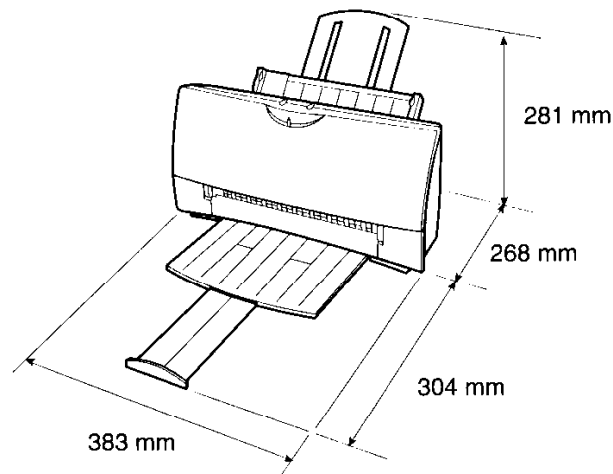


Figure 3-2 Printer Dimension



- Do not place the printer in excessive heat or humidity.
- Operate the printer under the following conditions:
 - Ambient temperature: 5°C to 35°C
 - Relative humidity: 10% to 90% (no condensation)
- Do not place the printer in direct sunlight.
- Do not place the printer near a device containing a magnet or that generates a magnetic field.
- Place the printer on a level and stable surface.
- Do not place the printer in areas subject to vibration.
- Keep the printer clean.
- When moving the printer, hold both ends.

1.3 Setup Procedure

Set up the printer as follows.

1.3.1 Connecting the interface cable

- 1) Make sure both the printer and the computer are off.
- 2) Connect one end of the parallel interface cable to the parallel interface connector on the back of the printer.
After connecting the cable, fasten the locking pins to secure it.
- 3) Connect the other end of the interface cable to the parallel interface connector on the computer.

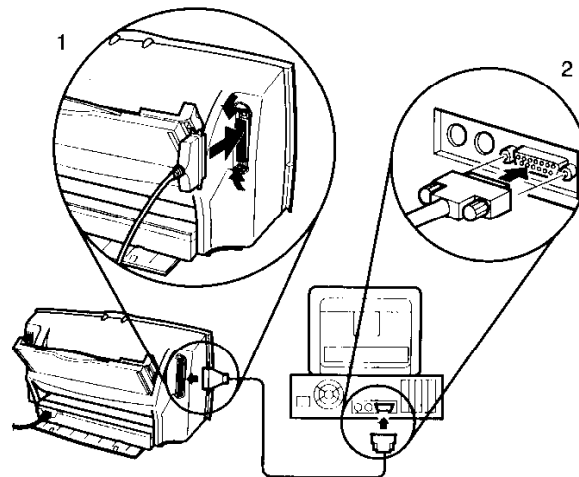


Figure 3-3 Connecting the Interface Cable

1.3.2 Connecting the AC adapter

Connect the DC power cord's plug to the printer's DC jack and plug in the AC adapter into a power outlet.

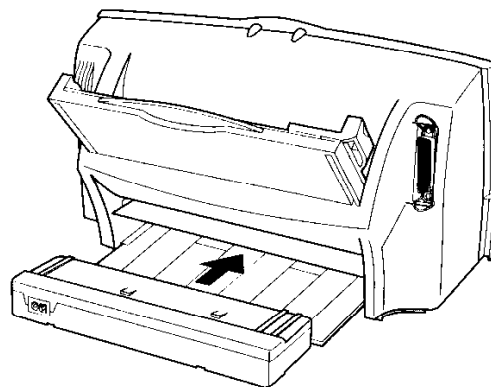


Figure3-4 Connecting the DC Power Cord



Do not press the *POWER* button while connecting the DC power cord. If the DC power cord is connected while the *POWER* button is pressed, the EEPROM reset mode in service functions are executed.

1.3.3 Turning on the printer

Before turning on the printer, first turn on the computer and any other peripheral equipment. Make sure the DC power cord has been connected properly, then press the **POWER** button to turn on the printer. When turned on, the printer executes initializing operations. Finally, the carriage stops at the cartridge replacement position and the **POWER** indicator blinks to indicate that the printer is on standby.

1.3.4 Installing the BJ cartridge

Two types of cartridges can be installed in the printer: a color and black BJ cartridge.

1) Removing the BJ cartridge protectors

Take out the BJ cartridge from the package, then remove the cap and tape on the nozzles as shown in the figure.

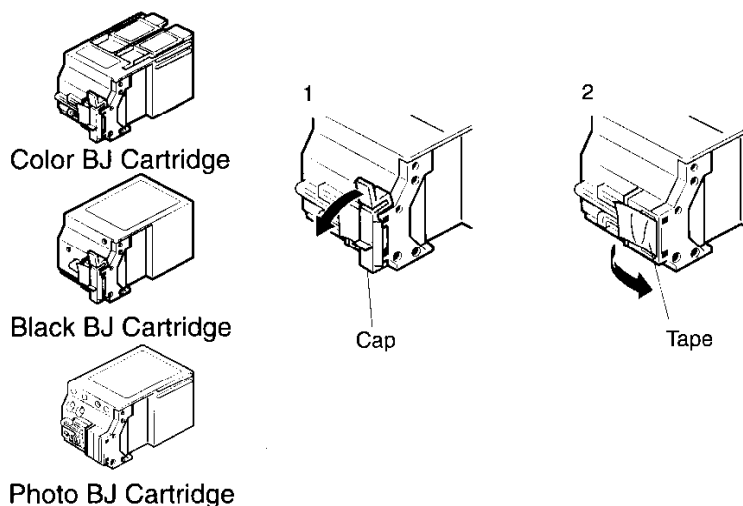


Figure 3-5 Removing the BJ Cartridge Protectors



Do not reuse the cap and tape, as doing so can clog the nozzles or mix the ink colors.

Do not touch the nozzles when removing the tape. Scratching the head face and ink contamination may result in the poor printing.

Do not shake the BJ cartridge after removing the cap and tape, as ink may leak from the cartridge.

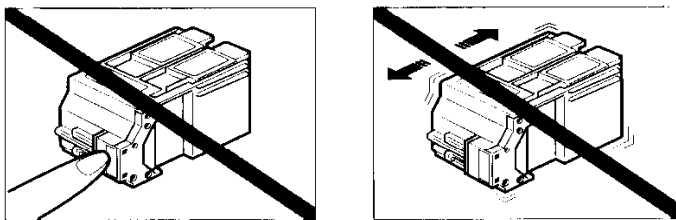


Figure 3-6 BJ Cartridge Handling Precautions

2) Installing the BJ cartridge

Open the printer's front cover and flip up the cartridge lock lever. Insert the BJ cartridge into the carriage and push down the cartridge lock lever to lock the BJ cartridge in place. When pressing the *CARTRIDGE* button, the beeper sounds once and the carriage moves to the capping position.



If the BJ cartridge is not properly installed while holding down the *CARTRIDGE* button, the beeper will sound three times and the carriage will not return to the capping position. After installing the BJ cartridge, be sure to close the front cover securely. If it is not closed properly, paper feed and printing problems may occur.

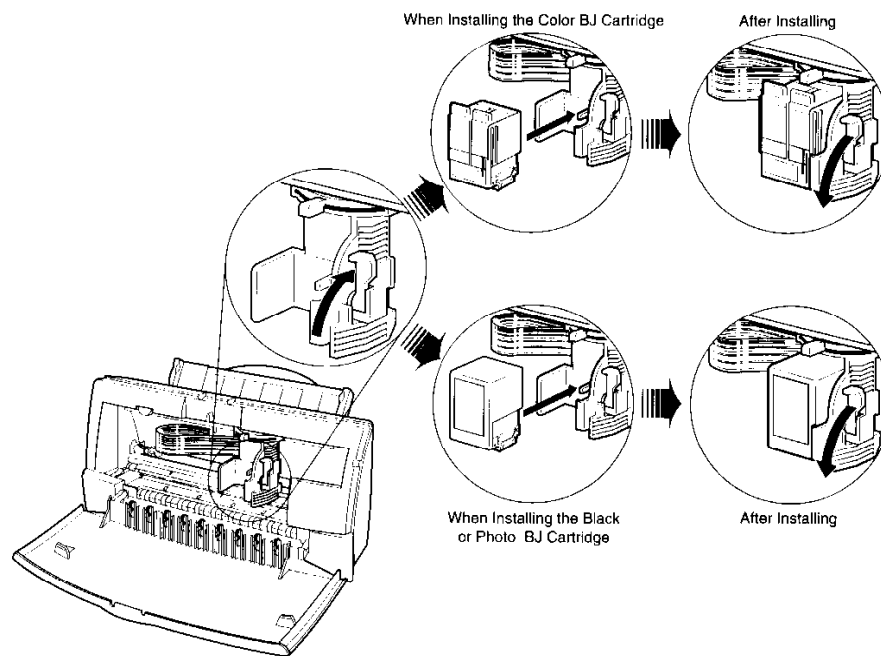


Figure 3-7 BJ Cartridge Installation

3) Replacing the BJ cartridge

Open the printer's front cover and press the *CARTRIDGE* button the beeper sounds once and the carriage moves to the replacement position. Then flip up the cartridge lock lever and remove the BJ cartridge. Install another BJ cartridge by following "Installing the BJ cartridge" above.

Always store an unused BJ cartridge in the BJ cartridge container. The black BJ cartridge and color BJ cartridge may be stored alternately in the BJ cartridge container.



If the printer has been operating for a prolonged period, the BJ cartridge's aluminum plate will get hot. When the aluminum plate gets hot, holding down the *CARTRIDGE* button will sound the beeper four times and the carriage will not move to the cartridge replacement position. In such cases, wait a few minutes before replacing the BJ cartridge. Do not move the carriage by hand.

1.3.5 Replacing the ink cartridge

When a color BJ cartridge is used, the ink cartridges can be replaced as follows:

1) When to replace the ink cartridge

Replace the ink cartridge in any of the following cases: The ink has run out, the ink cartridge has been out of its package for over six months, or the print quality does not improve even after the cartridge is cleaned five times. The color ink cartridge contains three colors. If one ink color runs out, the entire color ink cartridge must be replaced.

If an ink cartridge has been replaced but the print quality does not improve even after cleaning, replace the color BJ cartridge with a new one.

2) Removing an ink cartridge

Move the carriage to the cartridge replacement position as described in 1.3.4

3) *Replacing the BJ cartridge (page 3-5)*. Then take out the ink cartridge to be replaced as shown in the figure below.



Ink adheres to and around the ink cartridge's ink inlet, so handle the cartridge with care.

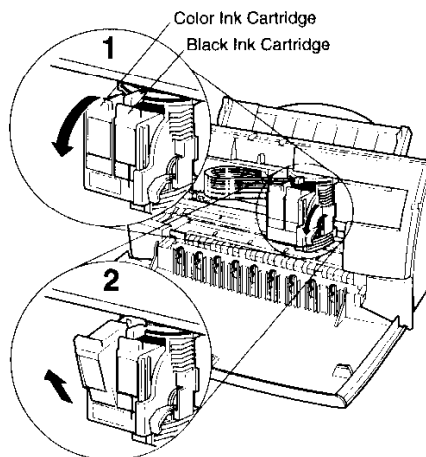


Figure 3-8 Removing the Ink Cartridge

3) Installing an ink cartridge

Take out the new ink cartridge from its package and remove the cap as shown in the figure. Install the ink cartridge by following the removal procedure in reverse.

After installing the ink cartridge, press the **CARTRIDGE** button the beeper sounds once and the carriage returns to the capping position.

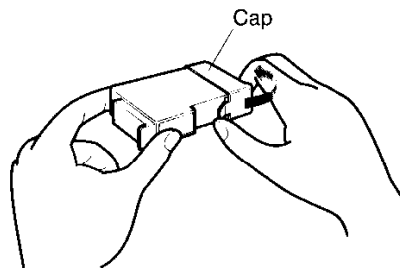


Figure 3-9 Removing the Ink Cartridge Cap

1.3.6 BJ cartridge container

A BJ cartridge container for storing the BJ cartridge is packed with the printer. Always store an unused BJ cartridge in the BJ cartridge container. The box can store one BJ cartridge only, but several containers can be joined together.



The BJ cartridge container can be attached to the printer. When storing a color BJ cartridge make sure that the black and color ink cartridges are installed.

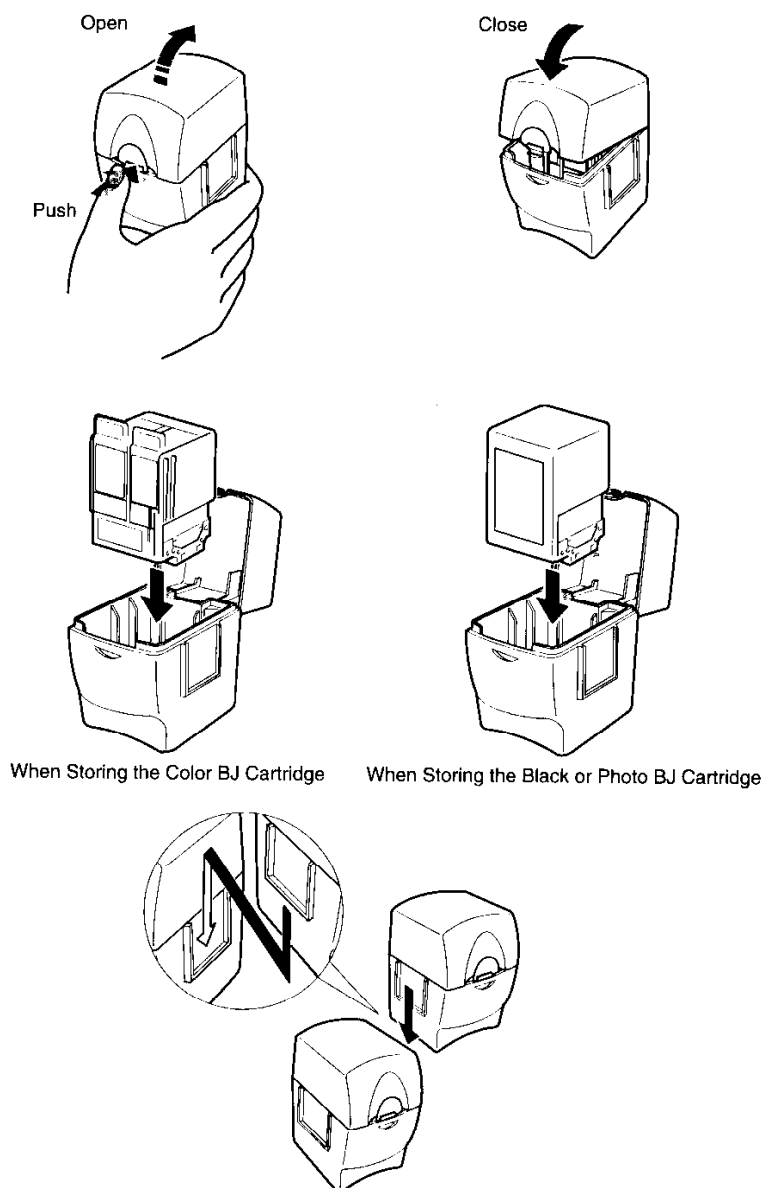


Figure 3-10 BJ Cartridge Container

1.4 Turning the Printer On/Off

1.4.1 Turning the printer on

With the printer connected to a power source, press the *POWER* button to turn on the printer. When the printer turns on, the beeper sounds once and initializing operations are executed. If a BJ cartridge has not been installed, the beeper sounds again and the *POWER* indicator blinks to indicate that a BJ cartridge must be installed. If a BJ cartridge has already been installed, the *POWER* indicator will light to indicate that the printer is ready. When the printer is turned on after more than 72 hours have passed since the last cleaning operation, the printer automatically carries out a cleaning operation before printing or after the printer is turned on. (When a color BJ cartridge is installed, the first cleaning is executed after 24 hours.) The *POWER* indicator blinks while the cartridge is being cleaned.

1.4.2 Turning the printer off

To turn off the printer, press the *POWER* button. When the printer is turned off, it executes a power-off operation to cap the BJ cartridge. The *POWER* indicator blinks during this operation. When the power-off operation is complete, the *POWER* indicator turns off. Make sure the *POWER* indicator is off, before disconnecting the AC power cord.



Never turn off the printer by disconnecting the AC power cord without first pressing the *POWER* button. Otherwise, the printer turns off before it can cap the BJ cartridge. If the BJ cartridge is not capped, the ink may leak or dry out in the nozzles.

When the *POWER* button is pressed to turn off the printer, the power-off operation to cap the BJ cartridge is executed even if errors have occurred. Any error occurring after the power-off operation starts is ignored. Also, if the *POWER* button is pressed while the cartridge is being cleaned, the *POWER* indicator continues blinking until the cleaning is completed. After cleaning is completed, the BJ cartridge is capped and the printer turns off.

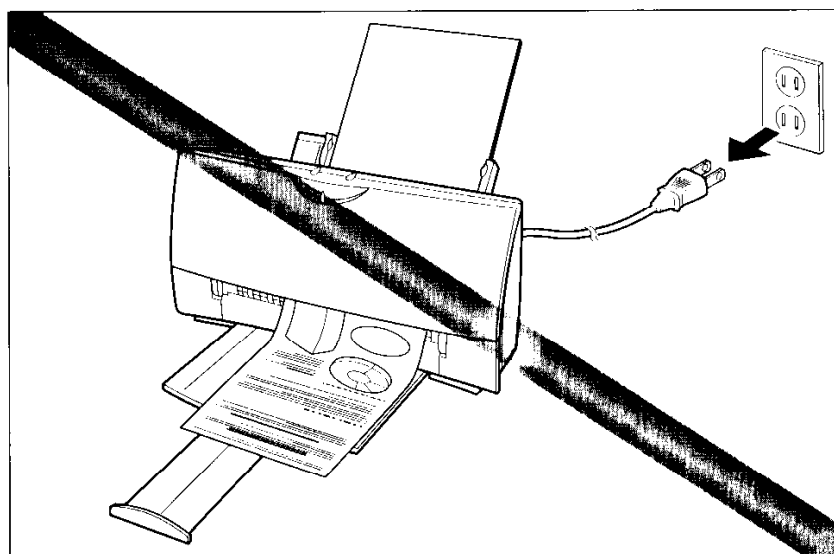


Figure 3-11 Do not turn off the printer without pressing the *POWER* button first

1.5 Paper Settings

For optimum printing, the printer has various paper settings to suit various types of paper. Set the paper selection lever before loading the paper.

TABLE 3-1 QUICK REFERENCE FOR SETTING

Media	Thickness Lever		Paper Feed	
	Black	Color/Photo	Method	Limit
Plain paper	Left	Center	Auto	10 mm
Coated paper		Center	Auto	10 mm
Envelopes		Right	Auto	10
Transparencies		Center	Auto	50 sheets
Back Print Film		Center	Auto	50 sheets
Glossy Paper		Center	Auto	1 sheet
Heavy paper		Right	Manual	1 sheet
High Gloss Film		Center	Manual	1 sheet*1

*1 Slide one sheet all the way into the manual feeding slot.

1.6 Name of the Parts and Their Functions

The different parts of the printer and their functions are shown below.

Paper Support

Supports the stack of paper loaded in the cut sheet feeder.

Cut Sheet Feeder

Holds a stack of approximately 100 cut sheets (75g/cm) for automatic feeding.

Paper Guide

Aligns the cut sheets in the cut sheet feeder according to the paper size. A maximum paper width of 241 mm (9.64 in.) can be set.

Control Panel

See the next page.

Front Cover

Open to install or remove the BJ cartridge, set the paper thickness lever, or remove the jams paper.

Paper Output Tray

Pulls out to receive the printed sheets.

Manual Feeding Slot

Use for feeding media manually.

AC Adapter

Install on the rear of the printer, the AC adapter supplies power from the power outlet to the printer. Depending on the location of purchase, the power cable is permanently attached to the AC adapter. Where as in some areas the power cable is detachable.

Parallel Interface Connector

Connects the printer to the parallel port on the computer.

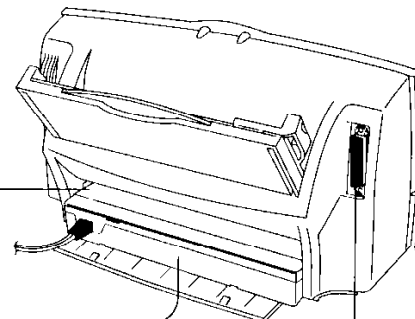
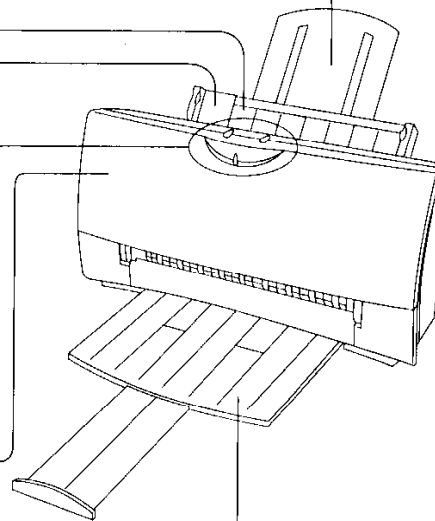


Figure 3-12 Name of the Parts and Their Functions

POWER Button

Turns the printer on or off.

POWER/ERROR Indicator

This signal indicator functions as both the power indicator and error indicator. This indicator lights green to indicate that power is on (normal state). The indicator lights orange to indicate an error, when the printer runs out of paper, for example.

RESUME Button

This key has the following functions:

- To recover an error, press once and release.
- To feed a sheet of paper into the printer, press once and release.
- To eject a sheet of paper already loaded in the printer.
- To start cleaning the print head, press and hold down for over two seconds.

CARTRIDGE Button

Moves the carriage to the BJ cartridge or ink cartridge replacement position.

Paper thickness lever

Adjusts the gap between the print head and the paper. Set this lever according to the type of print media that you are using.

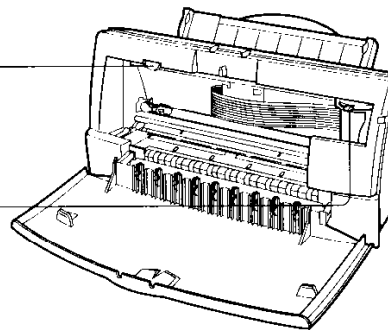


Figure 3-13 Name of the Parts and Their Functions

Paper thickness lever

Adjusts the gap between the print head and paper according to the thickness of the paper. There are three settings: left for printing with the black BJ cartridge on plain paper; center for printing with the color BJ cartridge on plain paper or coated paper, transparencies, back print film, glossy paper or high glossy film; and right for thick paper or envelopes.

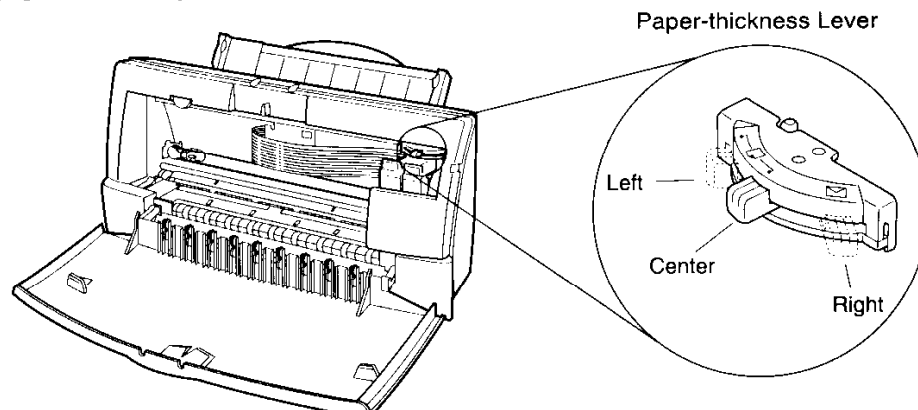


Figure 3-14 Paper Thickness Lever

2. TRANSPORTING THE PRINTER

When carrying or transporting the printer, keep the BJ cartridge installed in the printer or stored in the BJ cartridge container.

This prevents the ink from leaking and drying out in the nozzles.

2.1 Carrying the Printer

Follow the procedure below when carrying the printer.

- 1) Press the **POWER** button to turn off the printer. When the power turns off, the **POWER** indicator turns off.
- 2) Disconnect the interface cable.
- 3) Disconnect the AC power cord from the AC outlet.
- 4) Unplug the AC adapter from the printer.
- 5) Check that the BJ cartridge is at the capping position (the right end of the printer). If the cartridge is not at the capping position, move the carriage belt by hand until the cartridge reaches the capping position.



Never turn off the printer by disconnecting the AC power cord without first pressing the **POWER** button. Otherwise, the printers turned off before it can cap the BJ cartridge. If the BJ cartridge is not capped, the ink may leak or dry out in the nozzles.

2.2 Transporting the Printer

Follow the procedure below, when transporting the printer.

- 1) Disconnect the interface cable and AC power cord as described above in 2.1. Carrying the printer.
- 2) Check that the BJ cartridge is at the capping position (the right end of the printer). If necessary, move it to the capping position by hand. Fasten the carriage to the right end of the printer with tape.
- 3) Repack the printer in its original box and packing materials.

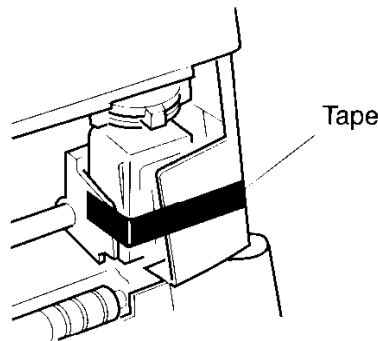


Figure 3-15 Fastening the Carriage



If the original packing materials are not available, use a sufficient amount of shock-absorbent material.

3. PRINTER SERVICING FUNCTIONS

3.1 Error Indications

The indicators in combination with the beeper indicate the nature of errors.

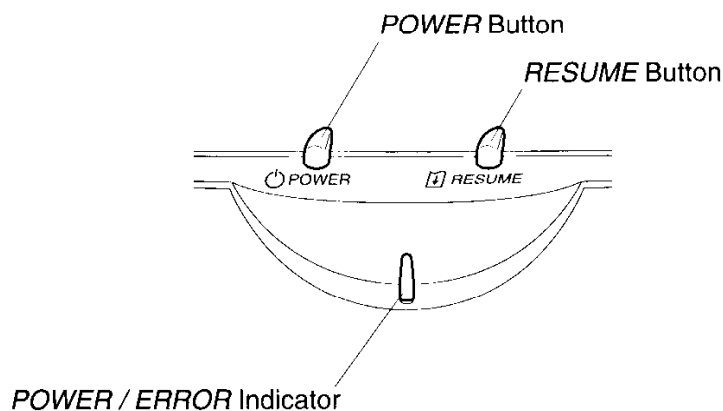


Figure 3-16 Control Panel

TABLE 3-2 ERROR INDICATIONS

State	POWER/ERROR	Beeper
[User-correctable errors]		
Paper pick-up error	Orange	Once
Paper jam	Orange	Twice
[User-uncorrectable errors]		
ROM error	Green ↔ Orange	Once
RAM error	Green ↔ Orange	Twice
BJ cartridge displaced error	Green ↔ Orange	3 times
Home position error	Green ↔ Orange	4 times
Waste ink full error	Green ↔ Orange	5 times
Temperature sensor error	Green ↔ Orange	6 times
Print position correction error	Green ↔ Orange	7 times
Head temperature error	Green ↔ Orange	8 times
Head temperature sensor error	Green ↔ Orange	9 times
Cleaning error	Green ↔ Orange	10 times

The errors listed in Table 3-2 are described below.

- User-correctable errors (Correctable by removing the paper and pressing the RESUME button).
 - 1) **Paper pick-up error**
Occurs when the paper cannot be fed properly.
 - 2) **Paper jam**
Occurs when the printed paper cannot be ejected.
- User-uncorrectable errors. (Press the POWER button to turn off the power.)
 - 3) **ROM error**
Occurs when the ROM check during the initializing operation fails.
 - 4) **RAM error**
Occurs when the RAM check during the initializing operation fails.
 - 5) **BJ cartridge displaced error**
Occurs when the printer does not detect the BJ cartridge other than during BJ cartridge replacement.
 - 6) **Home Position Error**
Displayed when the home position can not be detected.
 - 7) **Waste ink full error**
Occurs when the "total waste ink amount" recorded by the EEPROM exceeds the prescribed limit.
 - 8) **Temperature sensor error**
Occurs when the temperature sensor's (TH1) reading on the control board is irregular.
 - 9) **Print position correction error**
Occurs when the print position correction cannot be detected.
 - 10) **Head temperature error**
Occurs when the temperature of the diode sensor in the BJ cartridge head exceeds the prescribed level.
 - 11) **Head temperature sensor error**
Occurs when the diode sensor in the BJ cartridge head is assessed as irregular. (The head temperature error always occurs before this error occurs.)
 - 12) **Cleaning error**
Occurs when the cleaning operation detection at the capping position is irregular.

3.2 Function Settings

Printer functions cannot be set with the printer. Use the Windows driver or BJ setup utility program for MS-DOS to set the function settings.

The five default setting modes can be set with the *POWER* button after the printer is turned on.

3.2.1 Setting the default setting mode

The default setting mode can be set as follows:

When turning on the printer, hold down the *POWER* button until the beeper sounds the specified number of times. In this way, the following default setting modes can be set.

TABLE 3-3 DEFAULT SETTING MODES

Mode	Beeper	Remarks
USA/LQ	6 times	Factory default setting for the models excluding USA model
USA/BJ	7 times	
Europe, Asia/LQ	8 times	
Europe/BJ	9 times	
Asia, UK/BJ	10 times	

Function settings of each default setting mode.

TABLE 3-4 DEFAULT SETTING MODE FUNCTION SETTINGS

	USA /LQ	USA /BJ	Europe, Asia/LQ	Europe /BJ	Asia, UK /BJ
Control mode	LQ	BJ	LQ	BJ	BJ
Paper selection	LTR	LTR	A4	A4	A4
Print mode	HQ	HQ	HQ	HQ	HQ
Smoothing setting	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
Auto power on	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
Auto power off	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
Font selection	Roman	Courier	Roman	Courier	Courier
Code page selection	437	437	437	850	437
Page length setting	22"	11"	22"	12"	12"
Character set setting	Graphics	Set1	Graphics	Set2	Set2
Text scale function	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
Download buffer setting	Off	Off	Off	Off	Off
Receive buffer size	26KB	26KB	26KB	26KB	26KB
Automatic line feed	CR	CR	CR	CR	CR
Automatic carriage return (BJ only)	...	LF	...	LF	LF
AGM setting (BJ only)	...	Off	...	Off	Off
International character setting (LQ only)	USA	...	USA

3.2.2 BJ setup utility program

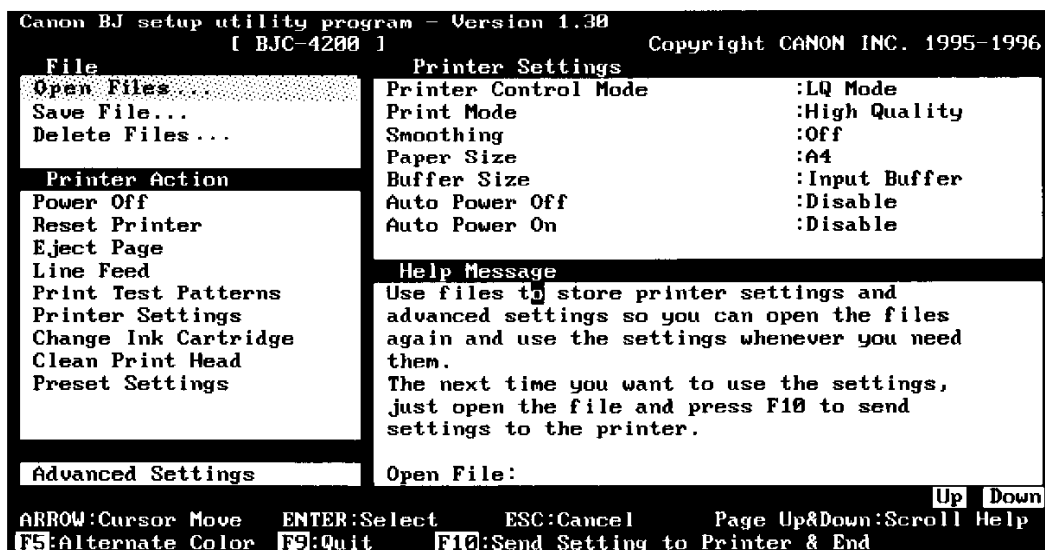


Figure 3-17 BJ Setup Utility Program (Sample)

Function settings which can be set with the BJ setup utility program.

Here is a short summary of the BJ setup utility program features. For further details, type BJ on the command line to start the utility program and scroll through the on-line help.

Advanced Settings

These settings include all the settings for either BJ mode or LQ mode. The advanced settings are all on the second screen of the BJ setup utility program.

AGM

Turns alternate graphics mode (AGM) on and off in BJ mode. Turn on AGM for IBM Proprinter X24E emulation.

Auto Carriage Return

Sets how the printer performs a carriage return.

Auto Line Feed

Sets how the printer does a line feed in BJ mode or LQ mode.

Auto Power Off

Sets the printer to turn itself off automatically when it has not received data for a certain period of time.

Auto Power On

Sets the printer to turn itself on automatically after it receives data.

Buffer Size

Allows you to change the allocation of available space in the buffer.

Change Ink Cartridge

Moves the cartridge holder to the center of the platen so you can change the cartridge.

Character Set

Code pages and character sets may vary according to the make of the computer and printer. For the BJ mode, Character Set 1 or set 2 can be selected. In LQ mode, epson italic or graphics set can be selected.

Clean Print Head

Cleans the BJ cartridge print head. If white streaks or other flaws appear on the printed page, clean the print head.

Code Page

Allows you to select a code page in either BJ mode or LQ mode. Pages are tables that show how characters, symbols, and numbers are coded.

Delete File

Deletes a file and settings. Delete files that are no longer needed.

Eject Page

Ejects paper or other media currently loaded in the printer.

Font Typeface

Allows the selection of one of 5 typefaces: Roman, Gothic, Courier, Prestige, Script in either BJ mode or LQ mode. This setting is ignored when the software application specifies a font.

International C.S.

Allows you to select a character set, characters and symbols specific to each country in LQ mode.

Line Feed

Sends a line feed (LF) instruction to the printer and the printer feeds the loaded sheet one line.

Open File

Opens a saved file and retrieves the printer and advanced settings that it holds. After opening a file, press F10 to send the settings to the printer and close the BJ setup utility program.

Page Length

Sets the page length for BJ or LQ mode.

Paper Size

Sets the paper size. Selections include A4, Letter, #10 Envelope (3.4 mm), DL Envelope (6.2 mm).

Power Off

Turns off power to the printer.

Preset Settings

You can select one set of defaults from a list. Each set is named by country and control mode. For example, you can choose USA (LQ) or USA (BJ).

Print Mode

Sets the print mode for HQ (high quality), HS (high speed) and Fine.

Print Test Patterns

Prints a test pattern so you can check printer operation with the new settings you have just made. Before you execute this command, be sure the printer can load A4 or Letter-size paper. A Demonstration of printer features, Test Print A (repeating ripple pattern), and a Nozzle Pattern Print can be printed.

Printer Control Mode

Sets the emulation mode for the printer: BJ mode and LQ mode, Automatic mode.

Printer Port

The printer is attached to parallel port LPT1 by default. To connect your printer to a different port, make an appropriate selection here: LPT1, LPT2 and LPT3.

Printer Settings

Prints a list of all the current printer settings. Be sure to use Letter-size or A4 paper to print this list.

Reset Printer

Takes the new printer and advanced settings you have just made and stores them as the new default settings for the printer.

Save File

Saves a file with the settings made in the menus.

Smoothing

Smoothing removes the ragged edges that appear on characters and curved lines. These so called "jaggies" are caused by a stair-stepping effect caused by creating characters and lines with individual dots when printed.

Text Scale Mode

Provides compatibility with software that assumes 66 lines will fit on each page for either BJ or LQ mode.

3.3 Cleaning the BJ Cartridge

Use the printer's *RESUME* and *POWER* buttons to clean the BJ cartridge.

3.3.1 Cleaning procedure

Turn on the printer. Hold down the *RESUME* button until the beeper sounds twice. The cleaning starts when the *POWER* indicator blinks. When the cleaning is completed, the blinking stops. The cleaning time is approximately 22 seconds. After the cleaning, execute a test printout of the nozzle check pattern to check the print quality. (With the printer turned on, hold down the *POWER* button until the beeper sounds four times, then release the button to conduct the off-line test. The test stops when the *RESUME* button is pressed on.

The printer cleans the BJ cartridge automatically at the following times:

- 1) When the printer is turned on for the first time after the power cord has been connected.
- 2) After the BJ cartridge is replaced.
- 3) After an ink cartridge is replaced.
- 4) After the printer has been on for 72 hours following the last cartridge cleaning with a black BJ cartridge installed. When the color BJ cartridge or its ink cartridge is installed, only the first cleaning is carried out automatically after 24 hours (after that, cleaning is carried out at an interval of 72 hours).
- 5) After printing a prescribed number of dots.

3.4 Self-Test Printout

This printer has built-in self-test functions which can be executed without any connection to a computer. The off-line, self-test operations are described below. After turning on the printer, hold down the **POWER** button until the beeper sounds the specified number of times, then release the button. The self-test printout stops when the **RESUME** button is pressed or when the printer is turned off.

TABLE 3-5 SELF-TEST PRINT MODES

Printout Mode	Beeper	Pages printed
Demonstration print	Once	Continuous printing
Printer status information print	Twice	1 page
ASCII character print	3 times	Continuous printing
Nozzle check pattern	4 times	1 page

NOTE

All self-test prints require Letter or A4-size paper. Using a smaller size paper for a self-test print will result in parts of the printout being printed directly on the platen.

Self-test prints are printed in accordance with the current printing settings (font, printing mode, etc.).

3.4.1 Demonstration print

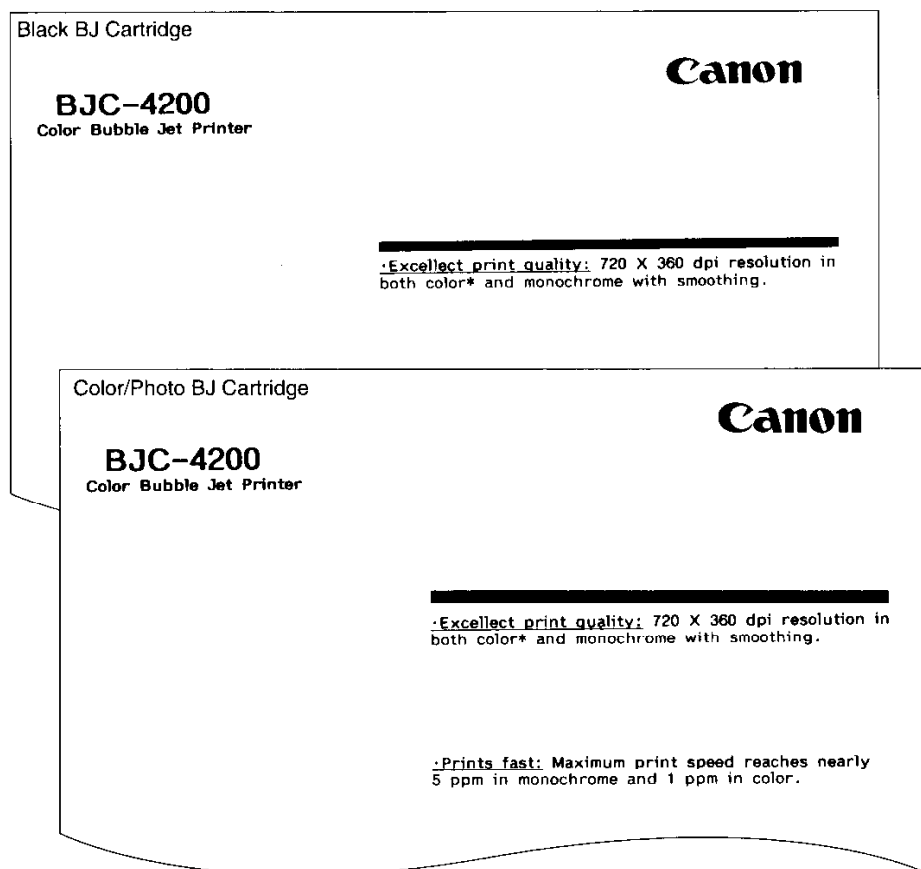


Figure 3-18 Demonstration Print (Sample)

3.4.2 Printer status information print

	>BJ<	>LQ<
1. Printer Control Mode	: Enable	Disable
2. Paper Selection	: LTR	<---
3. Print Mode	: High Quality	<---
4. Smoothing	: Disable	<---
5. Automatic Power on	: Disable	<---
6. Automatic Power off	: Disable	<---
7. Font	: Courier	Roman
8. Code Page	: 437	437
9. Page Length	: 11inch	22inch
10. Character Set	: SET1	Graphics
11. Text Scale	: Disable	Disable
12. Download Buffer	: Disable	<---
13. Receive Buffer Size	: 26KB	<---
14. Automatic Line Feed	: CR=CR	CR=CR
15. Automatic Carriage Return	: LF=LF	-
16. Alternate Graphics Mode	: Disable	-
17. International Character Set	: -	USA
18. Installed Cartridge Type	: BC-20 Black BJ Cartridge	
19. Printer Preset Status	: USA-BJ	<---

Figure 3-19 Printer Status Information Print (Sample)

3.4.3 ASCII character print (ripple pattern)

The printer control mode, control ROM version, and function settings in the header section are printed out as shown below. The same patterns are printed for the color BJ cartridge and black BJ cartridge.

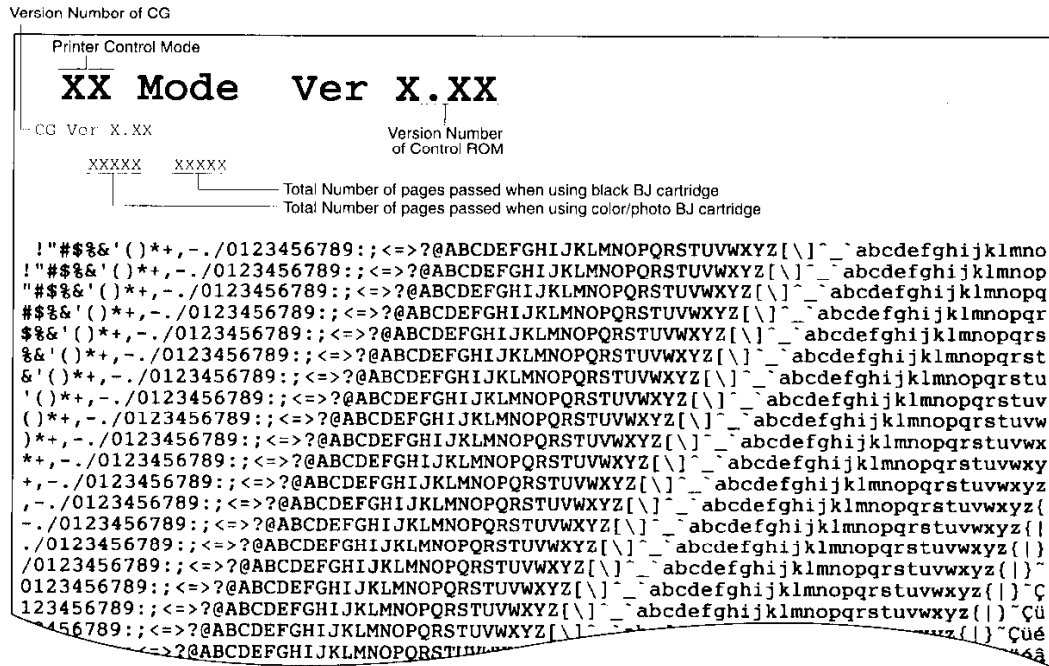


Figure 3-20 ASCII Character Printout (Sample)

3.4.4 Nozzle check pattern

Printout this pattern using all nozzles of the BJ cartridge. In the event that print defects appear, perform a cleaning operation of the head. If print quality does not improve even after the cartridge is cleaned five times, replace the BJ cartridge or the ink cartridge.

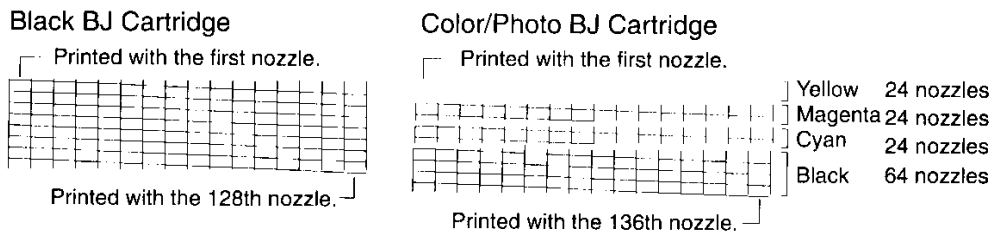


Figure 3-21 Nozzle Check Pattern

3.5 Hexadecimal Dump Test Printout

This printer can execute a hexadecimal dump test printout. The hexadecimal dump test prints the data sent from the computer to the printer (hexadecimal data).

Turn on the printer and hold down the *POWER* button until the beeper sounds five times. Then release the button to execute the hexadecimal dump test printout. The printout stops when the printer is turned off. The hexadecimal dump test printout cannot be terminated with the *RESUME* button.

TABLE 3-6 HEXADECIMAL DUMP TEST PRINT

Test mode	Beeper
Hexadecimal dump test	5 times

45 78 63 65 6C 6C 65 6E 74 20 70 72 69 6E 74 20	Excellent print
71 75 61 6C 69 74 79 2E 20 20 50 72 69 6E 74 20	quality. Print
66 61 73 74 2E 20 20 45 78 63 65 6C 6C 65 6E 74	fast. Excellent
20 6D 65 64 69 61 20 76 65 72 73 61 74 69 6C 69	media versatili
74 79 2E 20 20 54 72 75 65 20 70 68 6F 74 6F 67	ty. True photog
0D 0A 72 61 68 69 63 20 71 75 61 6C 69 74 79 2E	..rahic quality.
20 20 45 78 63 65 6C 6C 65 6E 74 20 73 6F 66 74	Excellent soft
77 61 72 65 20 63 6F 6D 70 61 74 69 62 69 6C 69	ware compatibili
74 79 2E 0D 0A 45 78 63 65 6C 6C 65 6E 74 20 70	ty...Excellent p
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72 69 6E 74 20 66 61 73 74 2E 20 20 45 78 63 65	rint fast. Exce
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63 20 71 75 61 6C 69 74 79 2E 20 20 45 78 63 65	c quality. Exce

Figure 3-22 Hexadecimal Dump Test Printout (Sample)

3.6 EEPROM Reset

The EEPROM records various settings, the data on the total number of sheets printed and the total waste ink absorption amount for the color and black ink cartridges respectively. The total number of sheets printed and the total wastes ink absorption amount can serve as a reference for how much the printer has been used. The EEPROM must be reset when the logic board or the waste ink absorber is replaced. See *Part 5: 4.3 Logic Board and Waste Ink Absorber Replacement Cautions (page 5-5)*, for details.

3.6.1 EEPROM Reset

"Waste ink full" is detected with the total waste ink absorption amount recorded in the EEPROM. When the ink absorber is replaced, the data on the total waste ink absorption amount in the EEPROM must be reset. Furthermore, when the logic board is replaced, the new logic board's EEPROM must be reset and the waste ink absorber must be also replaced at the same time. To reset the EEPROM, follow the procedure below.

1. While holding down the **POWER** and **RESUME** button, insert the plug of AC power cord connected to the AC outlet into the printer, and release the button.
2. Press the **POWER** button, while holding down the **RESUME** and **CARTRIDGE** buttons. (After the indicator lights orange, the long and short beepers sound once.)
3. Select the default setting by pressing the **CARTRIDGE** button for the specified number of times shown in the table below. (The beeper sounds each time the **CARTRIDGE** button is pressed.)

TABLE 3-7 DEFAULT SETTING WHEN RESETTING THE EEPROM

Beeper	Lights status	Default setting
Once	Green	Table2(USA/LQ): Factory default setting for USA /Canada model
Twice	Orange	Table2 (USA/BJ)
3 times	Green	Table3 (Europe, Asia/LQ): Factory default setting for the models excluding USA/ Canada model
4 times	Orange	Table4 (Europe/BJ)
5 times	Green	Table5 (Asia, UK/BJ)

4. Finally, press the **RESUME** button. The EEPROM is cleared and the selected default setting is written into the EEPROM.



Be careful when performing the above operation as the EEPROM data cannot be recovered once it is reset.

3.6.2 Printing the EEPROM data

The following data recorded by the EEPROM can be printed out as described below:

- 1) Function setting:
Execute the self-test printouts Printer status information print.
See 3.4 Self-Test Printout (page 3-20).
- 2) Total number of sheets printed for the color and black ink cartridges respectively:
Execute the self-test print's ASCII character printout.
See 3.4 Self-Test Print (page 3-20).
- 3) Total waste ink absorption amount:
Print out the total waste ink absorption amount as follows:
 1. Install a black BJ cartridge in the printer. (The total waste ink absorption amount cannot be printed out with the color BJ cartridge installed.)
 2. Press and hold down the **POWER**, **RESUME** button, connect the AC power cable to the AC outlet.
 3. Load a sheet of paper into the printer.
 4. While pressing the **RESUME** button, turn on the printer. After the buzzer sounds once, the total waste ink absorption amount will be printed out.

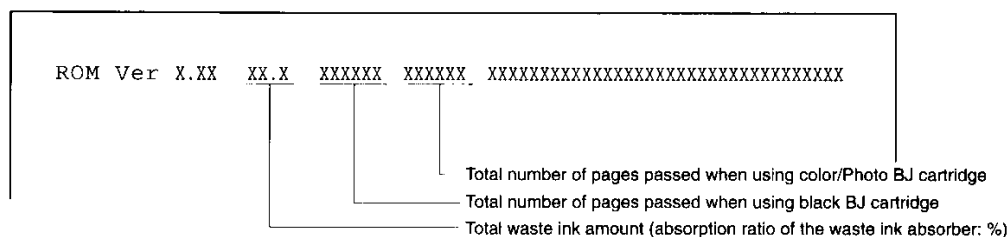


Figure 3-23 Sample Printout of EEPROM Data



Resetting the EEPROM will permanently erase all data contained.

1. OVERVIEW

1.1 Printer Diagram

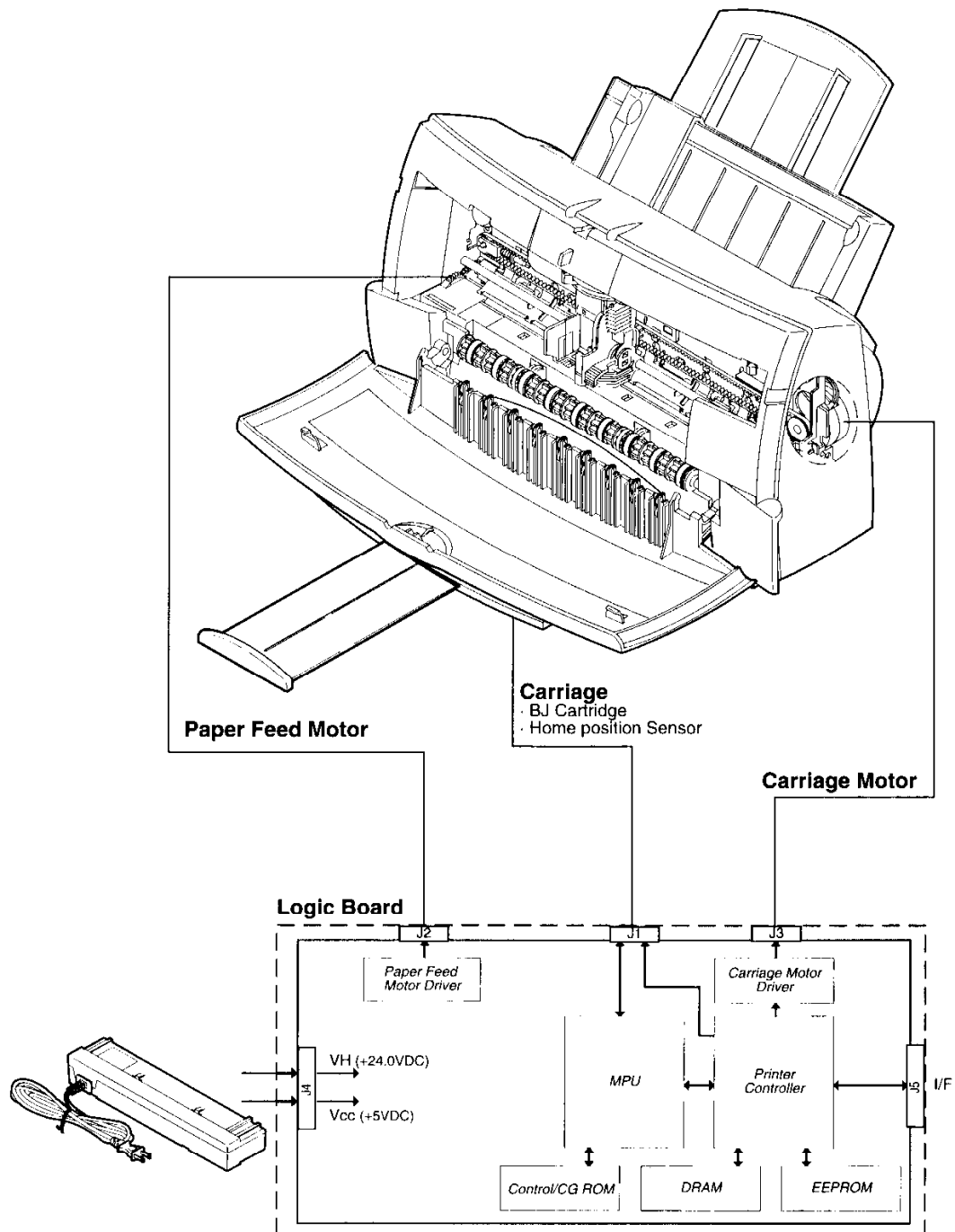


Figure 4-1 Printer Diagram

1.2 Initial Flowchart

The initial flowchart below shows the process from when the printer is turned on to when it goes online.

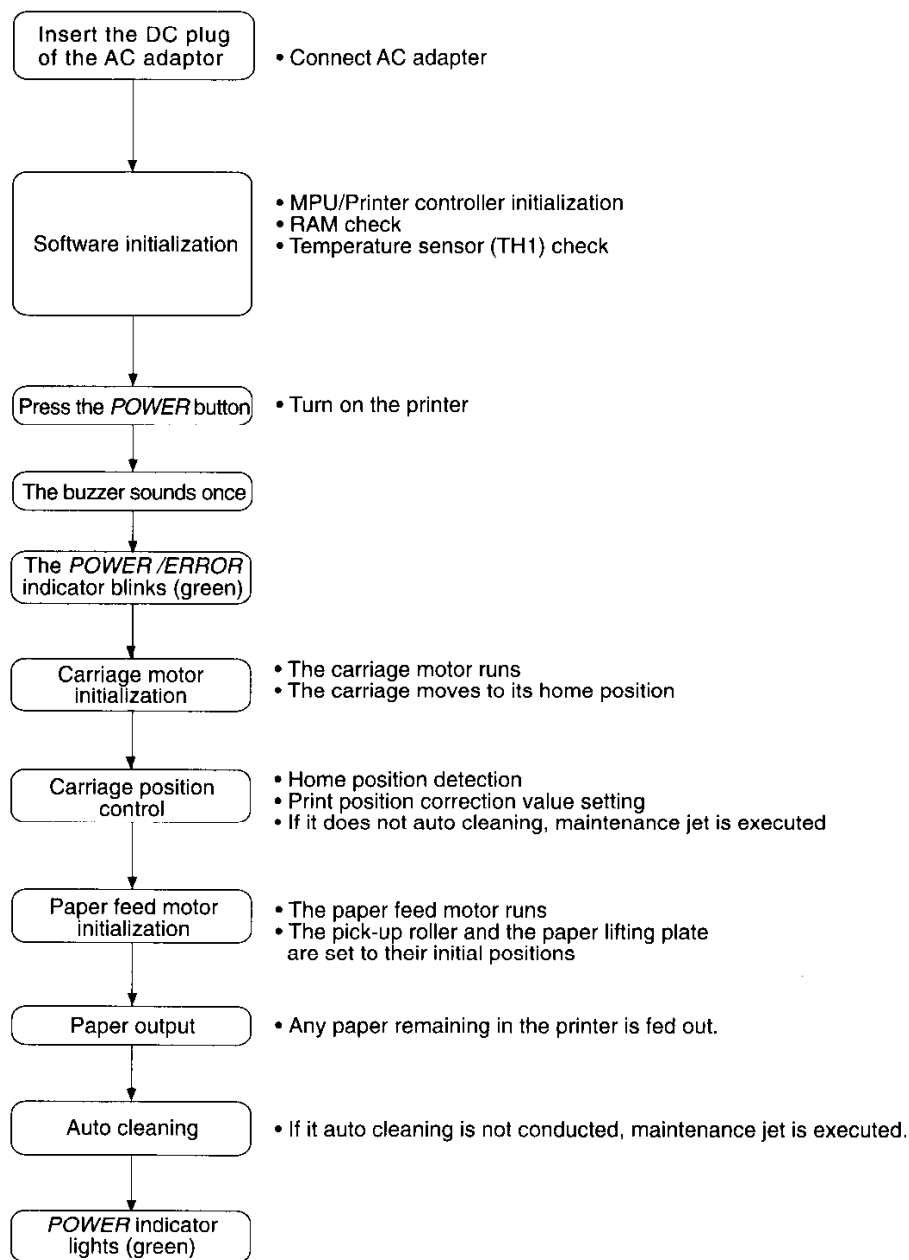


Figure 4-2 Initial Flowchart

1.3 Print Signal Flow

The print signal flow from when the printer receives the print data to when printing is executed is described below.

- The print data (including the control signals) output by the computer is received by the printer controller through the parallel interface, which is controlled by the printer controller on the logic board. Through the dedicated bus between the printer controller and DRAM, print data is stored in the DRAM's receive buffer area.
- The print data in the receive buffer is sent to the MPU and separated into control commands and print data based on the data stored in the control ROM. The control commands are processed in the MPU.
- The print data is stored in the DRAM's print buffer.
- When the printer controller receives the command from the MPU to start printing, it receives print data (by DMA transfer) stored in the DRAM's print buffer.
- The printer controller converts the print data into serial data as print drive signals and outputs the serial data to the bubble jet head. In the bubble jet head, the print data is converted from serial signals to parallel print data for each printed line. Printing is executed while the printer controller is controlled by the print control signals.
- The MPU controls the entire printing process by controlling the printer controller, and motor drivers and monitoring the status of the bubble jet head and printer.

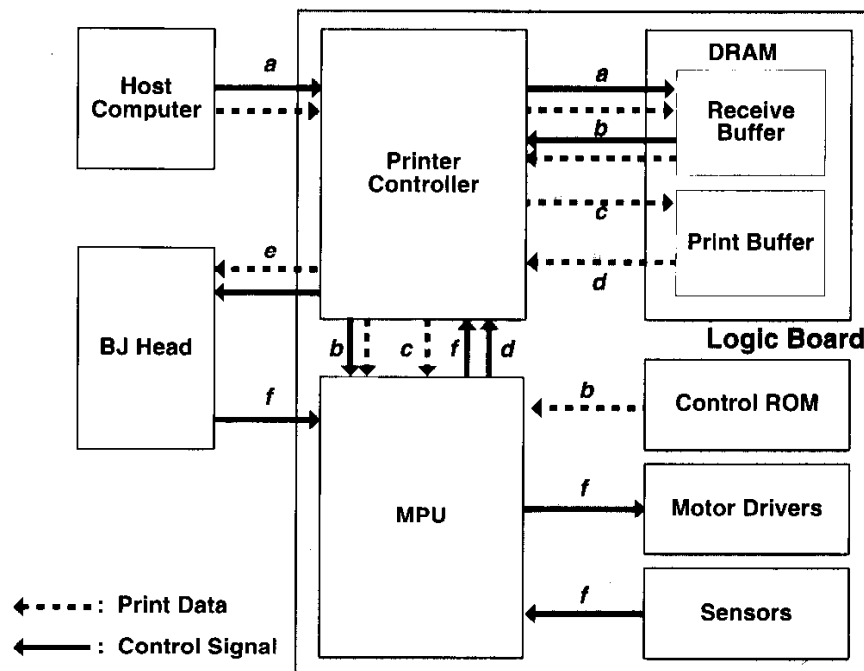


Figure 4-3 Printing Signal Flow

1.4 Print Drive

To eject ink from the head for printing, the printer outputs control signals from the printer controller to the BJ head.

The control signals consist of the drive control signal for ejecting ink from the head's nozzles and the temperature control signal for adjusting the head's temperature so that the amount of ink ejected is uniform.

To achieve optimum printing, both these control signals are optimized by the printer controller and sent from the carriage ribbon cable's signal contacts to the BJ head.

The drive frequency varies depending on the printing mode and BJ cartridge type.

1.4.1 Printing drive control

a) Black BJ cartridge drive control

The black BJ cartridge drive control is executed by dividing the head's 128 nozzles into 8 blocks (16 nozzles each). These blocks are further divided into odd and even blocks (8 nozzles each). The odd blocks eject ink simultaneously and the even blocks do so as well. The control signals for the former are the block enable 1, 2, and 3 signals (BENB 1, 2, 3) and for the latter the signals are the even/odd enable signals (Even/odd ENB).

The heat enable 0 and 1 (HENB 0, 1), which are the heater drive control signals for ejecting the ink, comprise of a pre-pulse and main pulse. To constantly achieve optimum ink ejection, the internal conditions such as the head's rank, printer temperature, and head temperature are monitored and the heater drive pulse width is varied before the pulse is output. Furthermore, the print drive signal from the printer controller is transferred to the BJ head's shift resistor according to the HLATCH timing. The printing drive signal (HDATA) is latched and when the print control and heater drive control signals are output together, the heater for the applicable nozzles is driven and the ink is ejected.

b) Color BJ cartridge drive control

The color BJ cartridge head's nozzle configuration differs from that of the black BJ cartridge. (The black has 64 nozzles while the color has 24 nozzles each for Y, M, and C.) Therefore, the number of nozzles in each control block is different from that of the black BJ cartridge. Furthermore, since the heaters are driven simultaneously for each color, the heater drive control signals used are the heat enable (HENB) 0, 1, 2, and 3 signals. All other operations are the same as for the black BJ cartridge.

For heat enable, the HENB 0, 1, and 2 signals drive the nozzle heaters for Y, M, and C. The HENB 3 signal drives the nozzle heater for black ink.

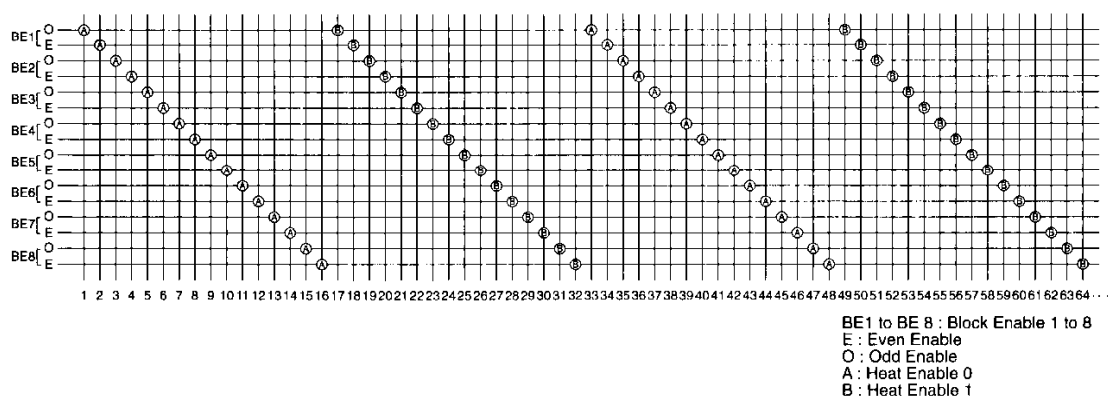


Figure 4-4 Printing Sequence (Black BJ Cartridge/HQ Mode)

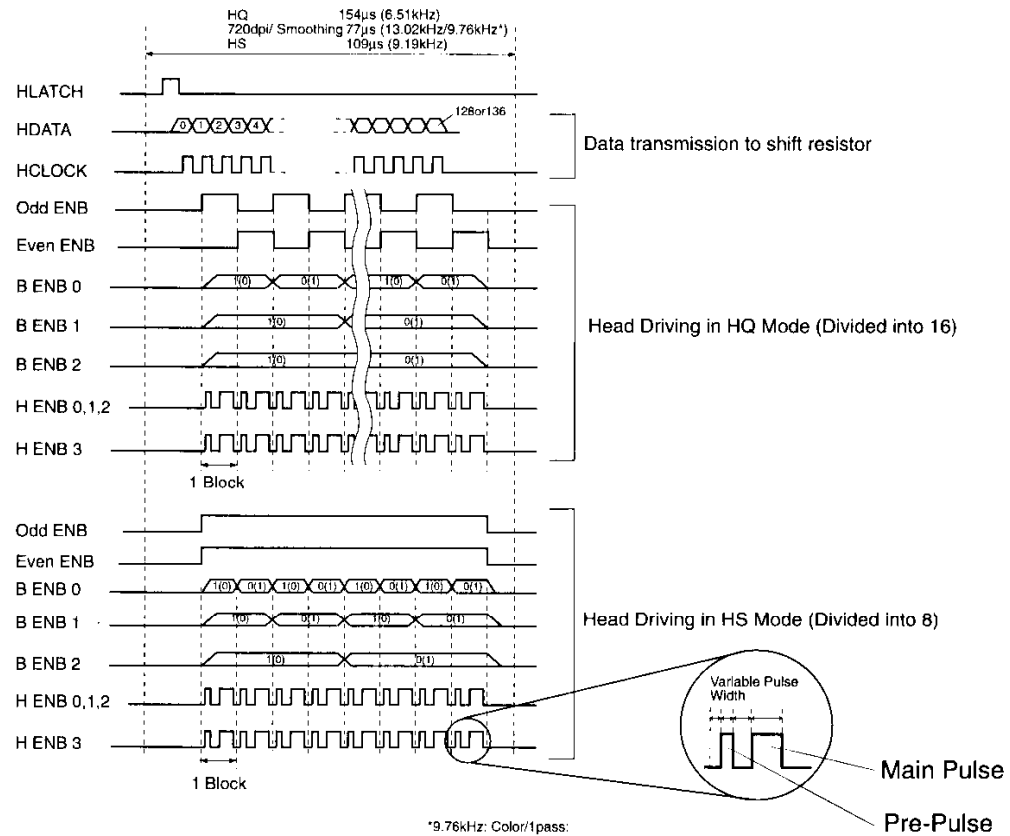


Figure 4-5 Printing Signals

1.5 Power Off Flowchart

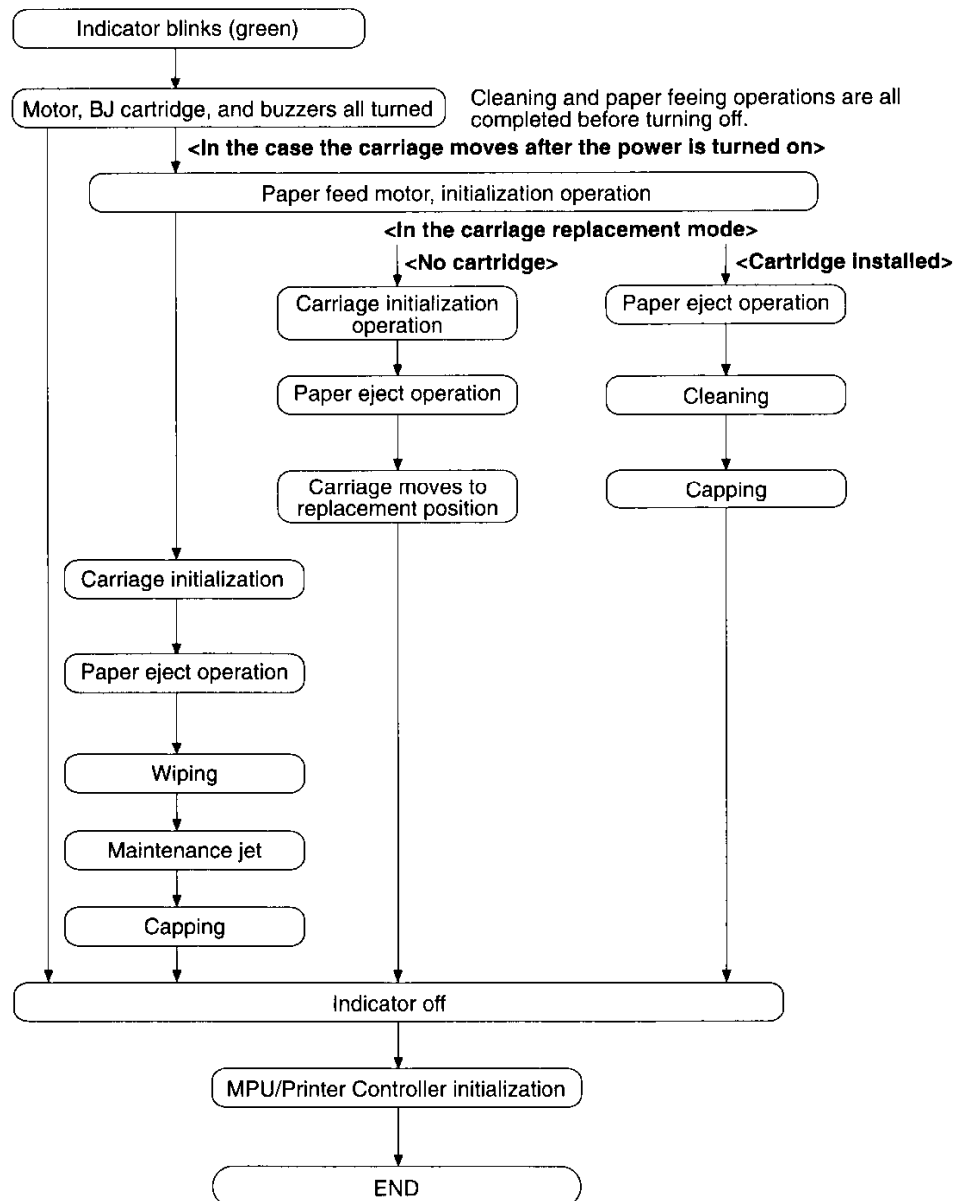


Figure 4-6 Power off Flowchart



If the DC power cord or AC adapter is disconnected before the printer is turned off with the **POWER** button, the cartridge head might not be capped. In this case, reconnect the DC power cord, start up the printer again, then turn off the printer with the **POWER** button. The DC power cord or AC adapter may then be disconnected.

2. FIRMWARE

2.1 Interface

The printer supports compatible mode and nibble mode which are compatible with the bi-directional Centronics interface-standard (IEEE P1284).

Compatible mode is the same as the Centronics interface standard protocol. The printer supports data transfer only in compatible mode. It does not support the ECP mode which enables high-speed data transmission and reception.

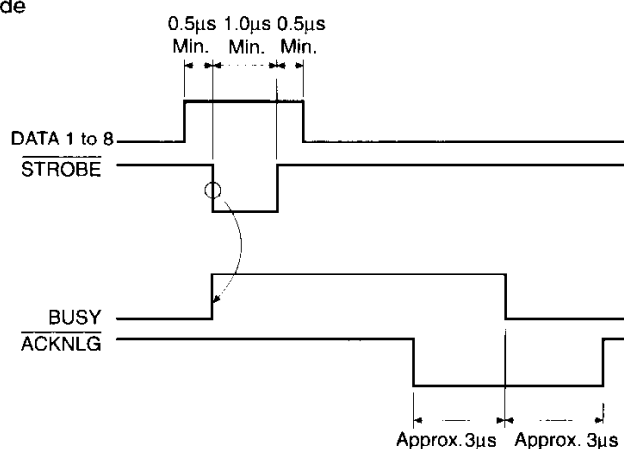
In the nibble mode, the printer supports only status data (device ID etc.) transfer to a host computer.

2.1.1 Compatible mode

The parallel interface for the compatible mode transfers data in 8-bit units. Data is transferred with the STROBE, BUSY, and ACKNLG handshake signals.

When the printer receives the data (Data 1-8) and STROBE signal from the host computer and the STROBE signal is low, the printer controller (which controls the parallel interface) outputs the BUSY signal and latches the data. After the BUSY signal is output, the printer controller sends the latched data from the DRAM bus to the receive buffer in the DRAM. After the data is completely written into the receive buffer in the DRAM, the printer controller outputs the ACKNLG signal and sets the BUSY signal to "Low." Then it waits for the next data input from the host computer.

LQ Mode



BJ Mode

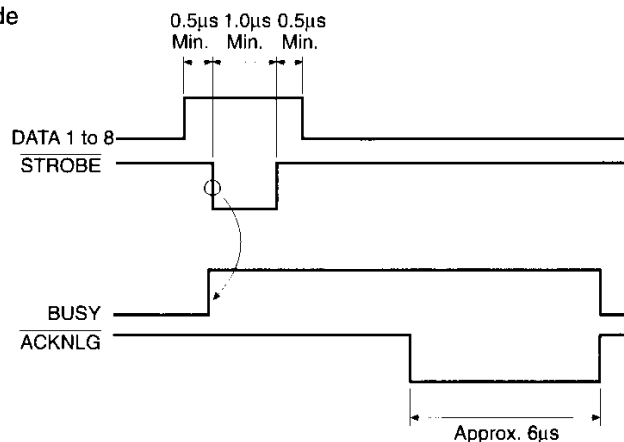


Figure 4-7 Interface Timing (Compatible Mode)

2.1.2 Nibble mode

In nibble mode, the printer transfers data twice to the host computer in 4-bit units. The data is transferred with the PtrClk signal and HostBusy signal handshakes. After the printer confirms that the HostBusy signal is low, it prepares 8-bit data, lowers the PtrClk signal and outputs the lower 4 bits along the control signal line. After the PtrClk signal is low, the host computer receives the data and raises the HostBusy signal. Next, after the printer confirms that the HostBusy signal is low for a second time, it outputs the upper 4 bits along the control signal line. If there is no data to be sent to the host computer after the HostBusy signal is high, the DataAvail signal becomes high and the printer stands by for the next data transfer.

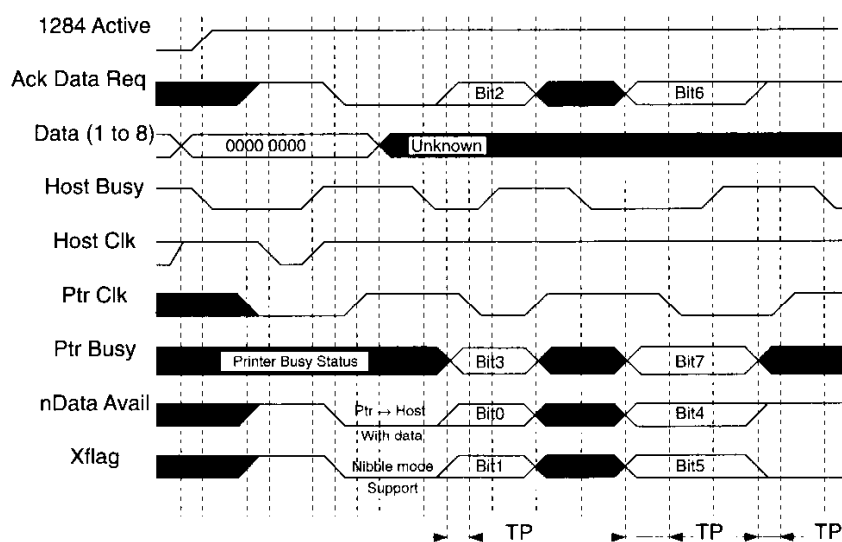


Figure 4-8 Interface Timing (Nibble Mode)

2.2 720 dpi Printing/Smoothing Feature

2.2.1 Canon extension mode

In Canon extension mode, the printer driver creates 720 dpi data for the horizontal axis and sends it to the printer, allowing the printer to achieve high-quality printing. With a black BJ cartridge installed, the printer driver smoothes the printed character's edges to 720 dpi along the horizontal axis. The 720 dpi data for the horizontal axis is sent to the printer and the edges are smoothed at a higher resolution. When a color BJ cartridge is installed, the multi-value data of the pixels processed by the printer driver for color correction, etc., is assigned three values (no printing, single-dot printing, two-dot printing) for each pixel. In the case of two-dot printing, the second dot is printed in the 720 dpi position. As a result, this method enables the printer to achieve high degree gradation printing.

2.2.2 Emulation mode

When a black BJ cartridge is installed, the printed character's edges can be smoothed at a high resolution of 720 dpi along the horizontal axis. Dots along the character's edges are added or deleted to smooth their edges. Along the horizontal axis, dots are also overlapped by half a dot. This eliminates jaggies and doubles the equivalent horizontal resolution.

This smoothing feature greatly improves low-resolution, 180 dpi characters. However, it does not give noticeable improvement to True Type fonts and illustrations.

Note that with a color BJ cartridge installed, the emulation mode smoothing feature cannot be used.

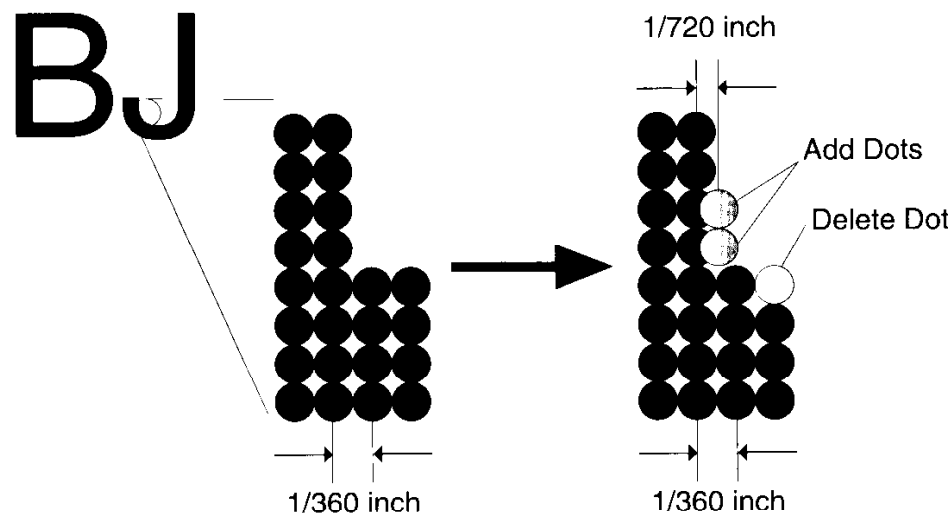


Figure 4-9 720 dpi Printing/Smoothing Feature

2.3 Printing Modes

2.3.1 Printing mode

Depending on the cartridge installed, the medium, the printing mode, the resolution, the print data, etc., the printer varies the carriage movement, bubble jet head driving frequency, etc., to attain high-quality printing without any bleeding or shifting in the printout.

When the 720 dpi printing/smoothing feature is used, the carriage feed pitch is set to 1/720 inch. Although this slows down the carriage speed, the bubble jet head drive frequency (ink ejection frequency) is increased so that the overall printing throughput decreases.

During color printing at a single pass, the different colors printed at the same time overlap, often causing the colors to run. By printing with three passes, color bleeding is less prone to occur since the color printed immediately before is stable by the time the next color is printed over it.

When print data is processed internally by the printer, the data is recognized and the number of ink nozzles to be used by the black ink is changed automatically.

For color printing with Color-HQ2, at 720 dpi, processing is executed in such a way to prevent the color and black inks from running at their mutual borders and to prevent white mist.

This processing is executed as follows:

During internal processing by the printer, the borders where the color and black inks meet are identified. Cyan and black ink are mixed in the printed black portion to suit the state of the distance and density of the black and color dots.

The printing method for the respective printing modes are listed below.

2.3.2 Photoprint mode

Photoprint mode can be used to obtain high level gradation print quality when using the Photo BJ cartridge. These cartridges contain a light density ink which achieves a high level of gradation by printing several times over the same dot.

The printer driver divides the pixel data into a maximum of 4-values (not printed, print 1 dot, print 2 dots and print 3 dots) enabling each pixel to be printed in up to 4 gradations. The printer therefore makes three passes using a maximum of 150% more ink than usual.

It is therefore necessary to use the exclusive print driver when printing with the Photo BJ cartridge.

The exclusive printer driver outputs multiple print data to the printer when photoprinting. If for some reason, a standard color BJ cartridge is installed and used for photoprinting, everything printed will be doubled in size in the carriage direction. On the other hand, if color printing is performed with a Photo BJ cartridge, not only will printed images appear light, the user will be notified of a mis-match as images will be printed in half their normal size.

TABLE 4-1 PRINTING MODES AND HEATING METHODS

With a Black BJ Cartridge

Printing Mode	Carriage Movement	Number of Nozzles	Heat Frequency ["]
Bk-HQ	1 pass	128 nozzles	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Bk-Fine1	4 passes	32 nozzles	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Bk-Fine2	4 passes	32 nozzles	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Bk-Fine-Cloth	4 passes	32 nozzles	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Color-HQ1	1 pass	128 nozzles	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Color-HQ2	1 pass	128 nozzles	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Color-Fine1	4 passes	32 nozzles	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Color-Fine2	4 passes	32 nozzles	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Color-HS	1 pass	128 nozzles	9.19KHz

With a Color BJ Cartridge

Printing Mode	Carriage Movement	Number of Nozzles	Heat Frequency ["]
Bk-HQ	1 pass	64 nozzles for black	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Bk-Fine1	4 passes	16 nozzles for black	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Bk-Fine2	4 passes	32 nozzles	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Bk-HS	1 pass	64 nozzles for black	9.19KHz
Color-HQ1	1 pass	Switches automatically between 24 or 64 nozzles	6.51KHz [4.88KHz (9.76KHz)]
Color-HQ2	1 pass	Switches automatically between 24, or 64 nozzles ^{*2}	6.51KHz [4.88KHz (9.76KHz)]
Color-Fine1	3 passes	8 nozzles	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Color-Fine2	3 passes	8 nozzles	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Color-HS	1 pass	Switches automatically between 24 or 64 nozzles	9.19KHz

With a Photo BJ Cartridge

Printing Mode	Carriage Movement	Number of Nozzles	Heat Frequency ["]
Bk-HQ	1 pass	64 nozzles for black	6.51KHz [6.51KHz (13.02KHz)]
Bk-Fine1	4 passes	16 nozzles for black	6.51KHz [5.21KHz (10.42KHz)]
Bk-Fine2	4 passes	32 nozzles	6.51KHz [5.21KHz (10.42KHz)]
Bk-HS	1 pass	64 nozzles for black	9.19KHz
Color-HQ1	1 pass	Switches automatically between 24 or 64 nozzles	6.51KHz [4.88KHz (9.76KHz)]
Color-HQ2	1 pass	Switches automatically between 24, or 64 nozzles ^{*2}	6.51KHz [4.88KHz (9.76KHz)]
Color-Fine1	3 passes	8 nozzles	6.51KHz [5.21KHz (10.42KHz)]
Color-Fine2	3 passes	8 nozzles	6.51KHz [5.21KHz (10.42KHz)]
Color-HS	1 pass	Switches automatically between 24 or 64 nozzles	9.19KHz

*1 []: Carriage speed (heat frequency) for 720 dpi printing/smoothing.

*2 When the print resolution is 720 dpi, processing to prevent colors running at the borders is not executed.

2.4 Optimum Printing Direction Control

To prevent vertical misalignment of the printed characters, etc., when printing data is printed continuously in the direction of the paper feeding direction, printing is executed with the carriage moving from only one direction.

However, when printing in the paper feed direction is not continuous, since vertical misalignment is not so noticeable the printing direction is alternated so that printing is also executed from the opposite carriage direction. This improves the throughput.

If four or more successive null rasters are detected in the lower (in the direction of paper ejection) 64 nozzles (24 nozzles with a color BJ cartridge) for the print data in the printer buffer during single-pass printing, printing is executed up to the null raster.

From the null raster onward, printing is executed from the opposite carriage direction.

From the next raster onward, printing is executed from the same carriage direction until the direction changes again.

2.5 Automatic Emulation Switching

The printer analyzes the control command received from the host computer and determines whether it is BJ or LQ mode. The emulation mode is thereby switched automatically. The BJ setup utility program can be used to turn on or off the automatic switching of the emulation mode.

Control command recognition

By recognizing the control command received from the host computer, the printer can determine which emulation mode to set. The printer determines the emulation mode when the control command is received at any of the following times: After the power is turned on and no print data has been received, when no print data has been received for over 10 seconds, or when the printer has no print data.

Switching the emulation mode

The emulation mode is switched automatically at any of the following times:

When the printer has received over 512 bytes of data, when the data reception (even for data less than 512 bytes) has been interrupted for over 3 seconds, or when the power has been turned off before over 512 bytes of data is received or before over 3 seconds of data reception.



Upon shipment from the factory or when the EEPROM is reset, it is set as "Invalid". Immediately after being set to "Valid", the emulation mode that was set immediately before will be valid.



There are control commands with which the printer cannot determine the emulation mode to set. If the emulation mode set automatically is not the correct one, use the BJ setup utility program or the manual default setting to cancel the automatic switching of the emulation mode and set the emulation mode manually.

2.6 Ink Smear Control

Immediately after the printed sheet is ejected from the printer, the ink dries naturally on the paper output tray. If the next printed sheet is ejected before the ink has enough time to dry on the preceding sheet on the paper output tray, the ink may be smeared when the sheet slides over the preceding one. To prevent this, a wait period is applied during printing so that the sheet is delayed being ejected, giving more time for the ink on the preceding sheet to dry.

When a black BJ cartridge is used (whose printing speed is faster) and, high duty printing is completed, the printer automatically detects the high duty printing position and the time elapsed from the start of printing.

There is no need to execute ink smear control when a color BJ cartridge is used.

2.7 Head Overheating Protection Control

If the ink has run out and the printing operation is continued, the bubble jet head can get extremely hot. If the head temperature sensor in the bubble jet head detects a temperature above the temperature limit, head overheating control is executed.

Protection level 1:

This level prevents the user from touching the bubble jet head's hot aluminum plate when the bubble jet head is to be replaced. Depending on the protection level, the user may even be prevented from replacing the cartridge until after a set period of time passes.

Protection level 2:

If a higher temperature still is detected, the carriage is returned to the home position for 3.5 seconds after each line is printed. This continues for over 20 minutes to suppress the bubble jet head's temperature.

Protection level 3:

If the temperature continues to increase, a head temperature error occurs, and the printing operation is stopped. If this still does not lower the head temperature, the sensor will be deemed faulty and a head temperature sensor error will be indicated.

2.8 Auto Power ON/OFF

This printer is turned ON with print signals sent from the host computer, and is automatically turned OFF when print signals are not received after a specified period of time. These settings can be made separately from the printer driver or BJ Setup Utility program.

When the auto-power ON function is set as valid, the STROBE signal is sent three times in succession turning the printer ON. Therefore the interface is constantly valid even when the power is OFF.

With the auto-power OFF set as valid, the printer is turned OFF if print data is not received for a set period of time.

The valid times are 1, 10, 30 and 60 minutes.

3. MECHANICAL SYSTEM

3.1 Overview

This section explains the printer's mechanical components.

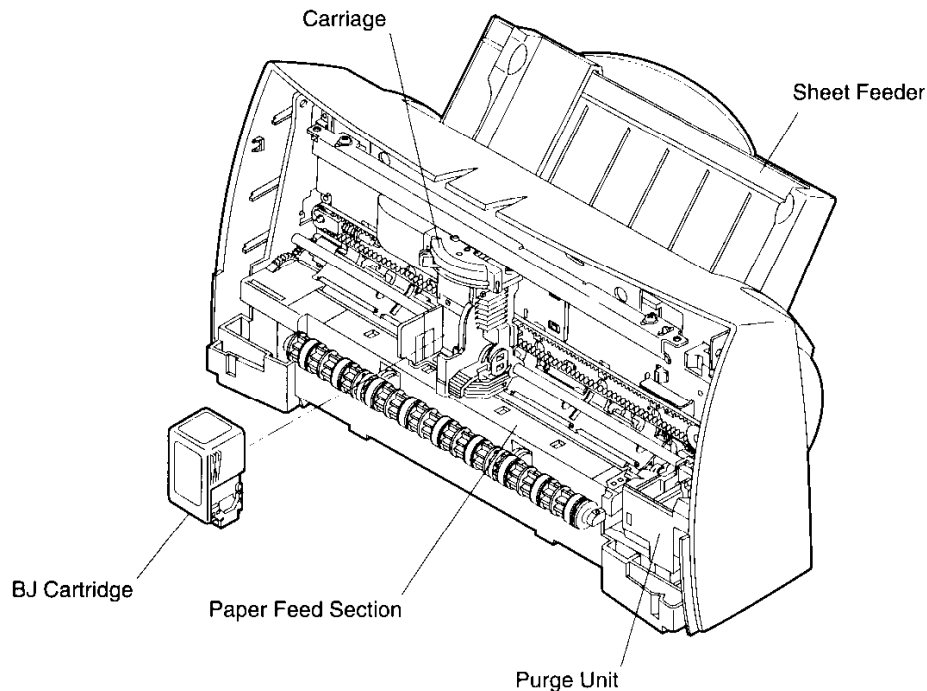


Figure 4-10 Printer's Mechanical Configuration

3.1.1 Mechanical components

1) BJ cartridge

The printer comes with two types of BJ cartridges: black and color. The user installs the black or color BJ cartridge according to the required application. The black BJ cartridge has an integrated head while the color BJ cartridge has replaceable ink cartridges.

2) Purge unit

Driven by the carriage motor, the purge unit helps maintain high-quality printing by capping and wiping the BJ cartridge's bubble jet face. It ensures that the ink in the nozzles is ejected easily.

When the printer is not in use, the purge unit caps the BJ cartridge's nozzles for protection.

3) Carriage

Driven by the carriage motor, the carriage moves horizontally across the paper. Through the carriage ribbon cable, the printing signals from the logic board are transmitted to the BJ cartridge in the carriage.

By controlling the purge unit's slide lock pin, the carriage controls the engagement of the paper feed motor's drive power between the paper feed/purge unit and the sheet feeder.

4) Paper feed mechanism and sheet feeder

The built-in sheet feeder is driven by the paper feed motor. Plain paper legal-size as well as coated paper, transparencies, back print film, envelopes, etc., can be loaded and fed automatically into the paper feed mechanism.

Driven by the paper feed motor, the paper feed mechanism rotates the feed rollers to feed the paper vertically.

When printing transparencies and back print film, remove each sheet from the paper output tray immediately after it is printed. This is to allow enough time for the ink to dry.

All paper feed operations can be executed with the *RESUME* button.

3.2 BJ Cartridge

3.2.1 Black BJ cartridge structure

The black BJ cartridge consists of a 128 nozzle print head and integrated ink cartridge.

1) Air intake plate

As the ink is consumed, the pressure inside the cartridge decreases in relation to the atmospheric pressure. This makes it more difficult for the ink to be supplied to the head. To prevent this, the BJ Cartridge has an air intake for maintaining a constant pressure inside the cartridge body.

2) Cartridge cover

The plastic cover is attached to the cartridge body to prevent the ink from leaking inside the cartridge.

3) Ink sponge

The sponge is soaked with black ink. It is compressed and stored in the cartridge body.

4) Cartridge body

The plastic case connects the ink sponge with the bubble jet head unit via the ink filter.

5) Bubble jet head unit

Ink is ejected through the 128 bubble jet nozzles, according to the print signals received through the signal contact.

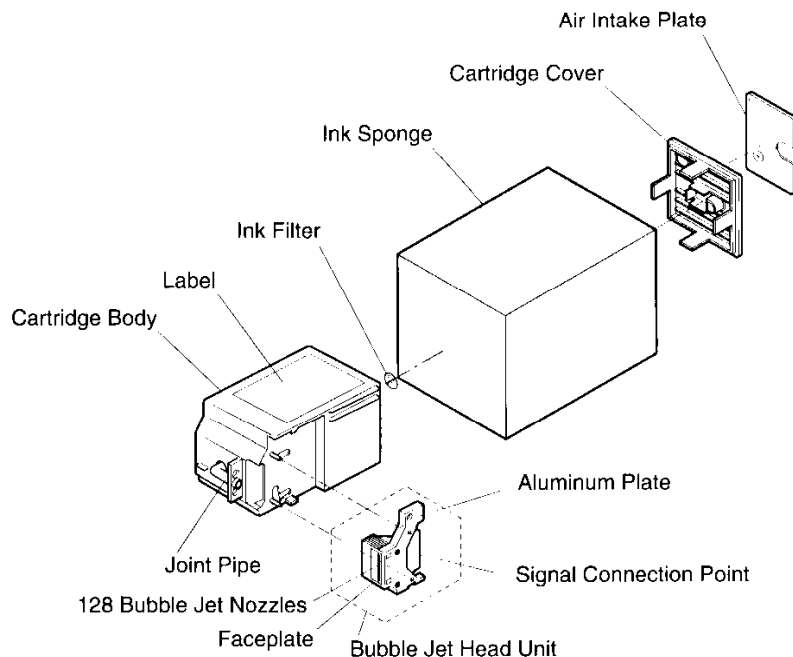


Figure 4-11 Black BJ Cartridge Structure

3.2.2 Color BJ cartridge structure

The color BJ cartridge has a print head equipped with 136 nozzles through which the four ink colors are ejected (24 nozzles each for yellow, magenta, and cyan; 64 nozzles for black). The ink cartridges (one for black and one for the other three colors) are removable and replaceable.

1) Air intake plate

As the ink is consumed, the pressure inside the cartridge decreases in relation to the atmospheric pressure. This makes it more difficult for the ink to be supplied to the head. To prevent this, the ink cartridge has an air intake for maintaining a constant pressure inside the cartridge body.

2) Ink sponges

Each ink color (black, cyan, yellow, magenta) is soaked in its own respective sponge. The cyan, yellow, and magenta ink sponges are compressed and stored in the same color ink cartridge body.

3) Ink suppliers

These supply the ink from the ink sponges to the cartridge's joints at a constant pressure.

4) Ink cartridge body

This is a plastic case which links the ink sponge with the color BJ cartridge via the ink suppliers.

5) Rubber sheet

This sheet seals the joints between the ink cartridge and BJ cartridge.

6) Ink passage section

This is a passage through which the ink flows from the ink cartridge to the head unit.

7) Bubble jet head unit

From the ink cartridges, the four ink colors are supplied separately to the 136 bubble jet nozzles. Ink for the four colors is ejected through the 136 bubble jet nozzles, according to the print signals received through the signal contacts.

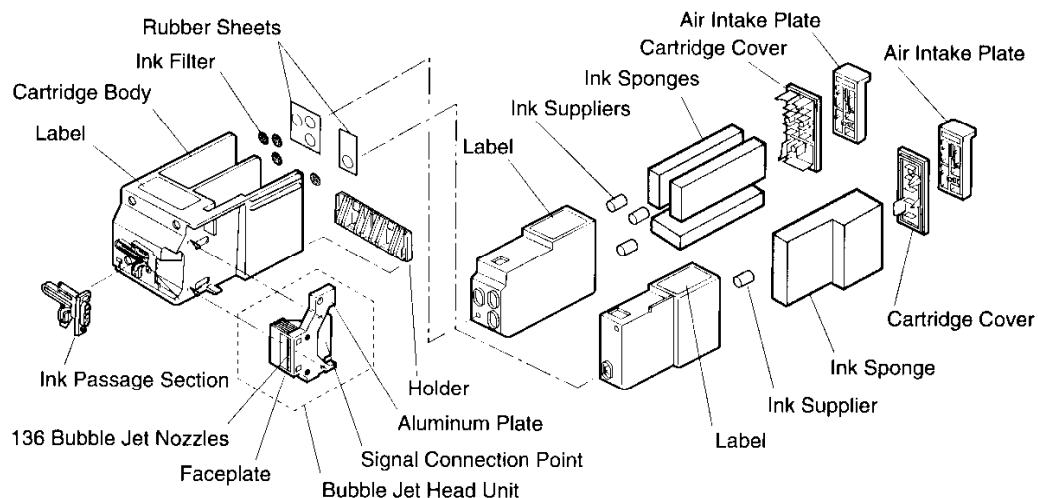


Figure 4-12 Color BJ Cartridge Structure

3.2.3 Photo BJ cartridge structure

The photo BJ cartridge has a print head equipped with 136 nozzles through which the four ink colors are ejected (24 nozzles each for yellow, magenta, and cyan; 64 nozzles for black).

1) Air intake plate

As the ink is consumed, the pressure inside the cartridge decreases in relation to the atmospheric pressure. This makes it more difficult for the ink to be supplied to the head. To prevent this, the ink cartridge has an air intake for maintaining a constant pressure inside the cartridge body.

2) Ink sponges

Each ink color (black, cyan, yellow, magenta) is soaked in its own respective sponge. The cyan, yellow, and magenta ink sponges are compressed and stored in the cartridge body.

3) Rubber sheet

This sheet seals the joints between the ink cartridge and BJ cartridge.

4) Ink passage section

This is a passage through which the ink flows from the ink cartridge to the head unit.

5) Bubble jet head unit

From the ink cartridges, the four ink colors are supplied separately to the 136 bubble jet nozzles. Ink for the four colors is ejected through the 136 bubble jet nozzles, according to the print signals received through the signal contacts.

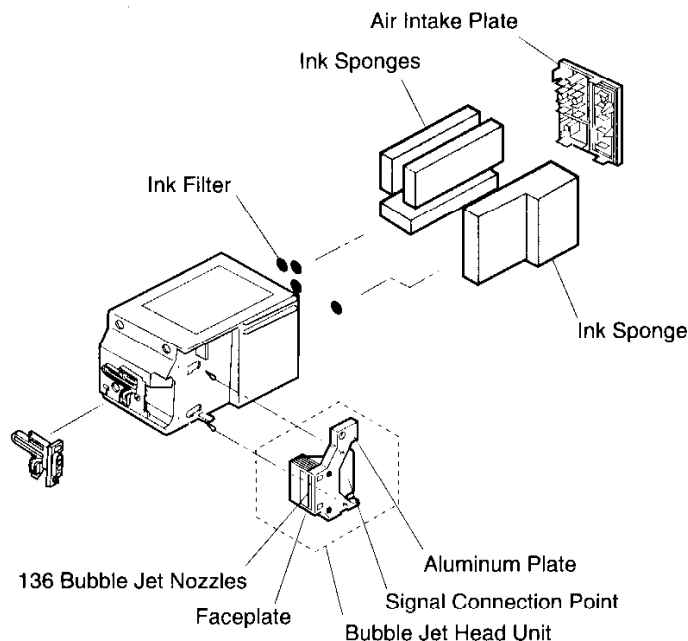


Figure 4-13 Photo BJ Cartridge Structure

2) Nozzle arrangement

The bubble jet nozzles are arranged 1/360 inch apart in a vertical array.

The black BJ cartridge has 128 nozzles. On the color BJ cartridge, the first 24 nozzles are for yellow ink, the second 24 nozzles are for magenta ink, the third 24 nozzles are for cyan ink, and the remaining 64 nozzles are for black. The color BJ cartridge has a total of 136 nozzles.

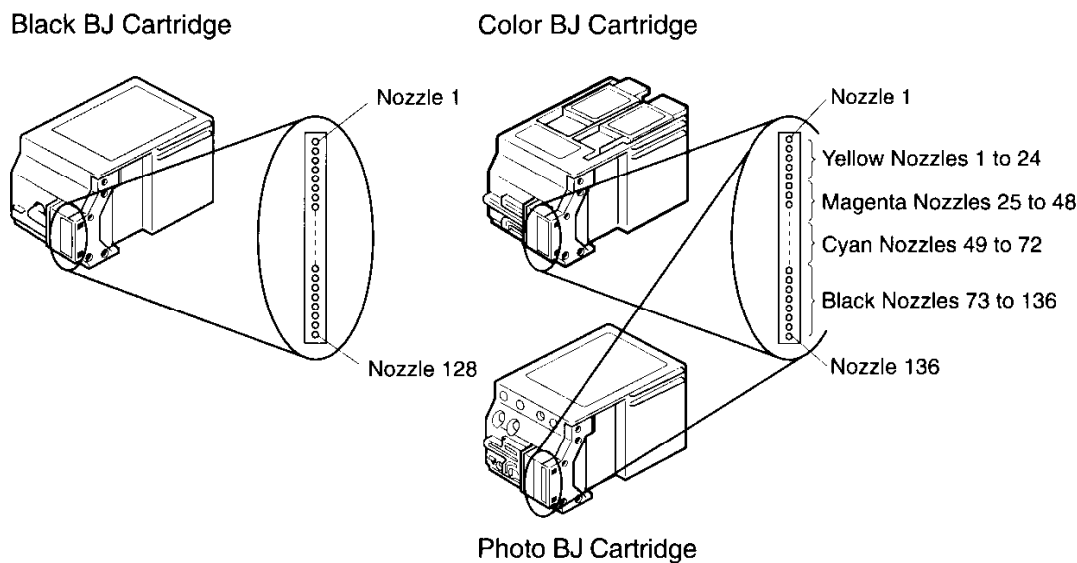
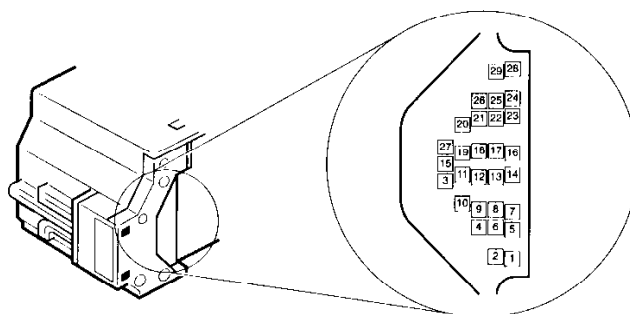
3) Signal connection point (contact pad)**Figure 4-15 Nozzle Arrangement****Figure 4-16 Contact Pad**

TABLE 4-2 LIST OF BJ CARTRIDGE SIGNAL CONTACTS

No.	Signal	Type	Description
1, 2	VHG	GND	GND for head driver voltage VH
3	HT0	IN	Temperature control heater drive signal
4	HT1	IN	Temperature control heater drive signal
5, 6	VH	OUT	Head drive voltage (ink ejection heater, temperature control heater, sub heater driver)
7	W-HT	OUT	Sub heater drive signal
9	TOP	IN	Rank resistance detection signal
10	DIODEA	OUT	Head temperature sensor(diode) anode
11	ID0	IN	BJ cartridge (black, color or photo) detection signal
12	ID1	IN	BJ cartridge (black, color or photo) detection signal
14	HVss	GND	Head's logic drive voltage HVdd GND
15	HENB0(Y)	OUT	Heat enable
17	HENB1(M)	OUT	· Black BJ cartridge: Uses only pin No. 15 and 17 · Color/Photo BJ cartridge: Uses all pins (The respective color is show in parentheses.)
27	HENB2(C)	OUT	
18	HENB3(B)	OUT	
16	Even ENB	OUT	Even nozzle heat enable
19	Odd ENB	OUT	Odd nozzle heat enable
20	BENB0	OUT	Block enable decoder's output generation signal
21	BENB1	OUT	Block enable decoder's output generation signal
22	BENB2	OUT	Block enable decoder's output generation signal
23	HVdd	OUT	IC driver voltage (+5 V)
24	HCLK	OUT	Print data transfer signal
25	HLATCH	OUT	Shift resistor print data latch timing signal
26	HRES	OUT	Latch reset signal
28	HDATA	OUT	Printing data
29	DIODEK	OUT	Head temperature sensor (diode) cathode

- Pin No. 1 to 29 are connected to the BJ cartridge and pin No. 30 and 31 are connected to the home position sensor.
- Pin No. 8 and 13 are unused.

4) Circuit diagram

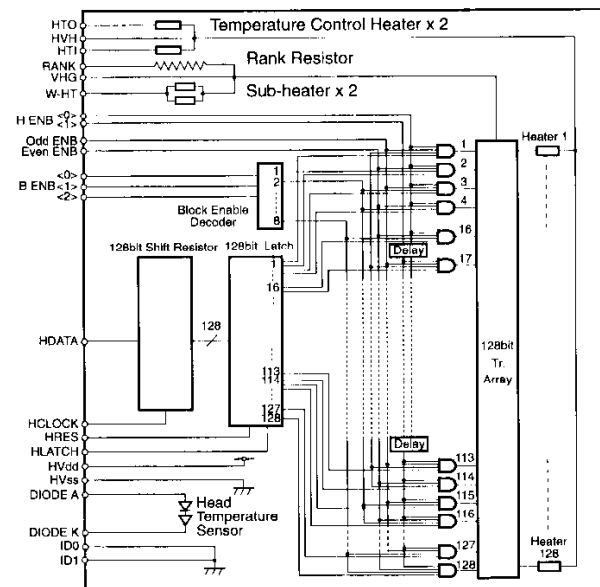
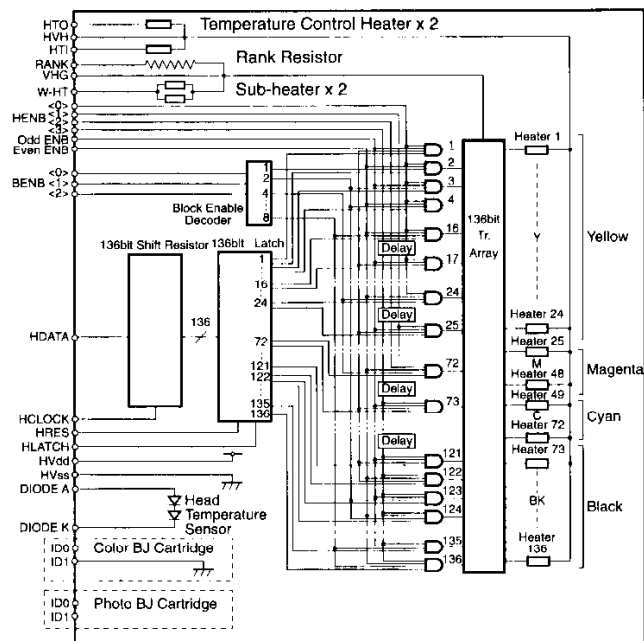


Figure 4-17 Bubble Jet Head Driver Block Diagram (Black BJ Cartridge)



Color BJ cartridge and Photo BJ cartridge have the same circuit configuration except for the ID1 connection.

Figure 4-18 Bubble Jet Head Driver Block Diagram (Color BJ Cartridge)

- **128/136 bit shift resistor**

Stores the print data (HDATA) transferred from the control board at HCLOCK's timing.

- **128/136 bit latch**

Latches the print data (HDATA) converted by the 128/136 bit shift resistor.

- **Block enable decoder**

After the BENB (Block enable) 0, 1, and 2 code signals are input, the specified heat timing signal is output. The heat timing signal is divided into eighths.

- **Heater (1 to 128 and 1 to 136)**

The heater generates the bubbles required for the nozzles to eject the ink. The heater heats the bubble jet nozzles. Heating is executed with the timing signal produced by the block enable decoder and the even nozzle heat enable (EvenENB), odd nozzle heat enable (OddENB), and heat enable (HENB0 to 3) signals.

- **Sub heater**

This heater maintains the optimum conditions in the nozzle for ejection ink.

- **Temperature control heater**

This heater controls the head temperature to stabilize the ink ejection amount.

- **Rank resistor**

To execute optimum heat control of each BJ cartridge, production-related deviation in heater characteristics is classified into 13 types which are identified by changing the rank resistance. From the MPU's analog port, the MPU detects the different rank resistances as voltage values and converts them from analog to digital for detection. The heater's characteristics are thereby recognized.

- **Head temperature sensor**

Temperature changes in the nozzle's heater are detected by the diode to prevent the bubble jet head from overheating.

- **Cartridge ID**

The BJ cartridge type (color or black) is recognized, through combinations of ID0 and ID1.

5) BJ cartridge detection feature

Connector pins 11 and 12 (ID0 and ID1) are used to recognize the cartridge type and connector pins 10 and 29 are used to detect whether or not a BJ cartridge is installed.

If the printer is turned on with no cartridge installed, the carriage automatically moves to the cartridge replacement position regardless of its previous position.

Also, if the printer is on and the cartridge is removed other than during the cartridge replacement mode, an error will occur.

TABLE 4-3 HEAD INSTALLATION STATUS AND SIGNAL DETECTION

	ID0	ID1
Black BJ cartridge installed	Low	Low
Color BJ cartridge installed	High	Low
Photo BJ cartridge installed	...	High

High: Signal detected

Low: No signal detection (by printer)

3.3 Purge Unit

3.3.1 Purge unit functions

1) Capping function

The purge unit's cap is pressed against the face of the print head to prevent the ink from drying out or leaking.

If print data is not received for over 60 seconds during a printing operation, the purge unit wipes the print head face. If print data is still not received for a further 60 seconds, the purge unit caps the print head.

Other than during a printing operation, if print data is not received after a certain period of time (varies between 5 to 20 seconds) or if the *POWER* button is pressed to turn off the printer, the purge unit caps the print head.

2) Cleaning function

To maintain high print quality, the purge unit cleans the print head at the following times:

- When the power is turned on for the first time after the AC power cord is connected.
- After the BJ cartridge is replaced.
- After the ink cartridge has been replaced.
- When the power is turned on and it has been 72 hours since the last time the head was cleaned (or first 24 hours have been passed when a color BJ cartridge has been installed as for the initial cleaning).
- When the printed dot count exceeds the specified amount.
- When the color BJ cartridge is left at the cartridge replacement position for over 10 minutes.
- When the color BJ cartridge is at the cartridge replacement position and the printer is turned off with the *POWER* button.
- When cleaning is executed with a button operation.

The cleaning operation includes the wiping of paper bits and ink residue adhering to the print head's face plate. It also sucks out ink from the print head to refresh the inside of the nozzles with fresh ink.

TABLE 4-4 INK CONSUMPTION DURING CLEANING (AS A STANDARD)

With a Black BJ Cartridge	Approximately Ink Consumption
During black BJ head replacement	0.15g
First-time power on after AC power cord connection	0.15g
During black BJ cartridge replacement	0.15g
Power on after 72 hours since last cleaning	0.15g
When dot count exceeds the set count	0.15g
Button pressed for cleaning	0.15g
With a Color BJ Cartridge/ Photo BJ Cartridge	Approximately Ink Consumption
During color BJ head replacement	0.3g
First-time power on after AC power cord connection	0.3g
Power on after 72 hours since last cleaning (also after the first 24 hours as for the initial cleaning)	0.3g
During ink cartridge replacement	0.6g
When left at cartridge replacement position for over 10 minutes	0.6g
When at the cartridge replacement position and the printer is turned off	0.6g
When the dot count exceeds the specified count	0.6g
Button pressed for cleaning	0.3g

3.3.2 Purge unit structure

1) Purge drive gear

Through a transmission gear, the purge drive gear is driven by the feed roller which is driven by the paper feed motor. The purge drive gear in turn drives the cam which controls the pump's operation.

The cam's position is detected by the home position sensor via the sensor arm.

2) Wiper unit

When the carriage moves from left to right, the wiper retracts so that it does not touch the head. However, when the carriage moves from right to left, the wiper wipes ink from the BJ cartridge's face plate at the following times:

When the printer is turned on and off, once every 60 seconds (or when the specified dot count is reached) during printing, when the paper pick-up operation ends, when the recovery operation ends, and when the cap is opened or closed.

3) Capping unit

The capping unit has a rubber cap. When the carriage moves to the home position, the cap is pressed against the print head's face plate.

Also, since the cap is connected to a pump, the cap sucks ink from the BJ cartridge during the cleaning operation. The ink which has been sucked out is sent to the base cover unit's waste ink absorber.

4) Maintenance jet receiving section

The maintenance jet receiving section takes in ink (for test ejection to maintain the nozzles' working condition) ejected from the BJ cartridge. The ink is received with a gear, which is rotated, sending the ink to the waste ink absorber below.

5) Slide lock pin

The slide lock pin moves the cap when the carriage moves from left to right and reaches the capping position after moving from left to right. Capping is executed while the slide arm is unlocked.

When the slide arm is unlocked, the rotation of the feed roller is transmitted to the purge drive gear and sheet feeder.

6) Ink shield

The ink shield stops any the ink splattered when the wiper unit wipes off ink.

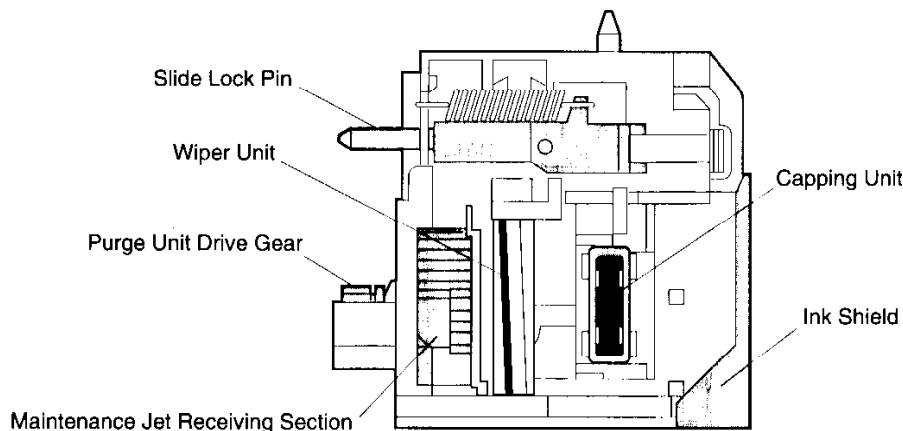


Figure 4-19 Purge Unit

3.4 Carriage

3.4.1 Carriage functions

1) Print head installation

BJ cartridges are attached mechanically and connected with electronic circuitry to the carriage.

2) Carriage driver

Driven by the carriage motor and carriage belt, the carriage moves across the paper horizontally.

3) Paper thickness adjustment

The paper thickness lever on top of the carriage, adjusts the gap between the paper and print head.

4) Paper feed motor driver

When the carriage moves to the cleaning position at the right end of the platen the slide arm is unlocked. The paper feed motor's drive power, normally used for paper feeding during printing, can be diverted to drive the purge unit and sheet feeder.

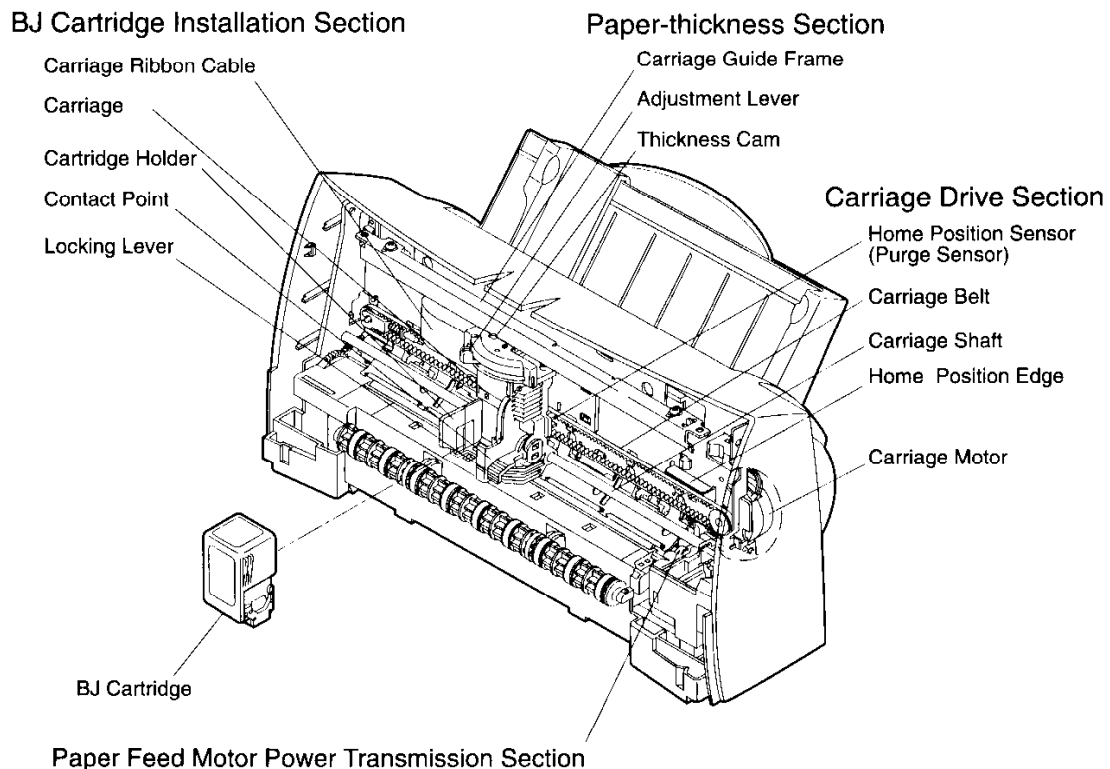


Figure 4-20 Carriage

3.4.2 Carriage structure

1) BJ cartridge attachment section

The cartridge holder moves with the locking lever which secures the BJ cartridge into the carriage.

When a BJ cartridge is secured into the carriage, the ribbon cable signal contacts are pressed against the bubble jet head signal contacts, enabling signals to be transmitted from the logic board.

2) Carriage driver

The stepping-type carriage motor drives the carriage horizontally across the paper with the carriage belt. After the photo interrupter's home position sensor behind the carriage detects the home position edge as the initial position, the carriage is controlled by the stepping pulse sent to the carriage motor.

The carriage motor is driven by a one to two-phase exciter at a fixed current. Furthermore, if a vertically-oriented line, etc., is printed from both carriage directions, it will appear to be crooked or misaligned due to mechanical reasons. However, if the vertically-oriented line is disjointed or not continuous, any misalignment will be that unnoticeable and so printing is executed from both carriage directions. The slightly-off timing of the detected home position edge is adjusted with software and thereby corrected automatically. During the initial operation, HQ mode is corrected. For the other modes, the misalignment is measured and corrected before printing starts.

3) Paper thickness setting

If envelopes or thick paper is fed for printing, they will rub against the head face causing possible damage and paper contamination. This can be prevented by making the proper paper thickness setting.

The gap between the head and paper must be set to the optimum setting (one of three settings) to match the thickness of paper being fed. This gap is adjusted by changing the angle of the carriage guide frame and the carriage attachment angle. The gap between the platen and head thereby changes.

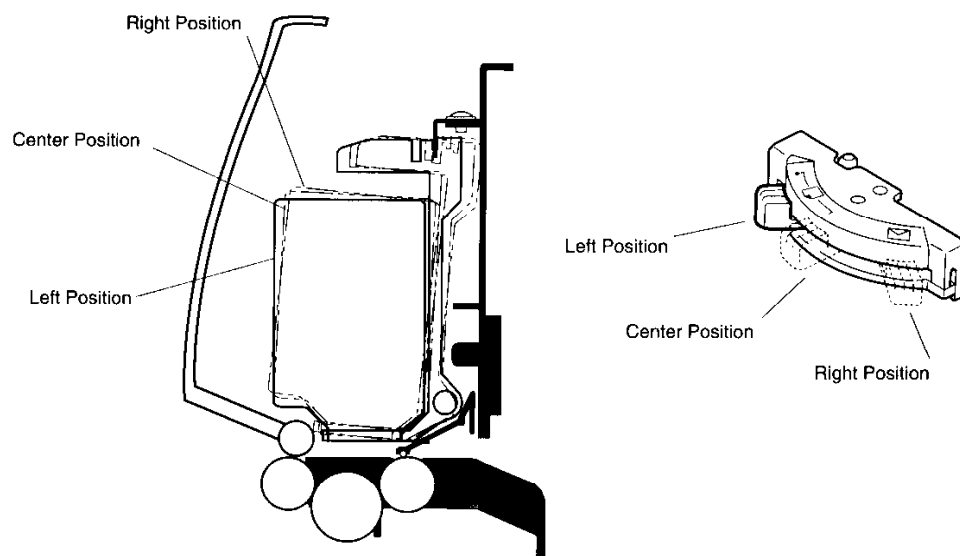


Figure 4-21 Paper Thickness Adjustment

4) Switching the paper feed motor drive transmission

The paper feed motor drives either the paper feed, purge unit or cut sheet feeder according to the position of the carriage. When the carriage is not at the right end, the slide arm is locked by the purge unit's slide lock pin. In this condition, paper feed is driven by the feed roller. When the carriage is at the capping position, the slide arm is unlocked and the paper feed motor drives the purge unit and sheet feeder.

When the slide arm is unlocked and the feed roller is rotated in the feeding direction, the slide arm rotates until it reaches the sheet feeder gear to drive the gear.

When the slide arm is unlocked and the feed roller is rotated in the opposite direction of the feeding direction, the slide arm rotates until it reaches the purge drive gear to drive the gear.

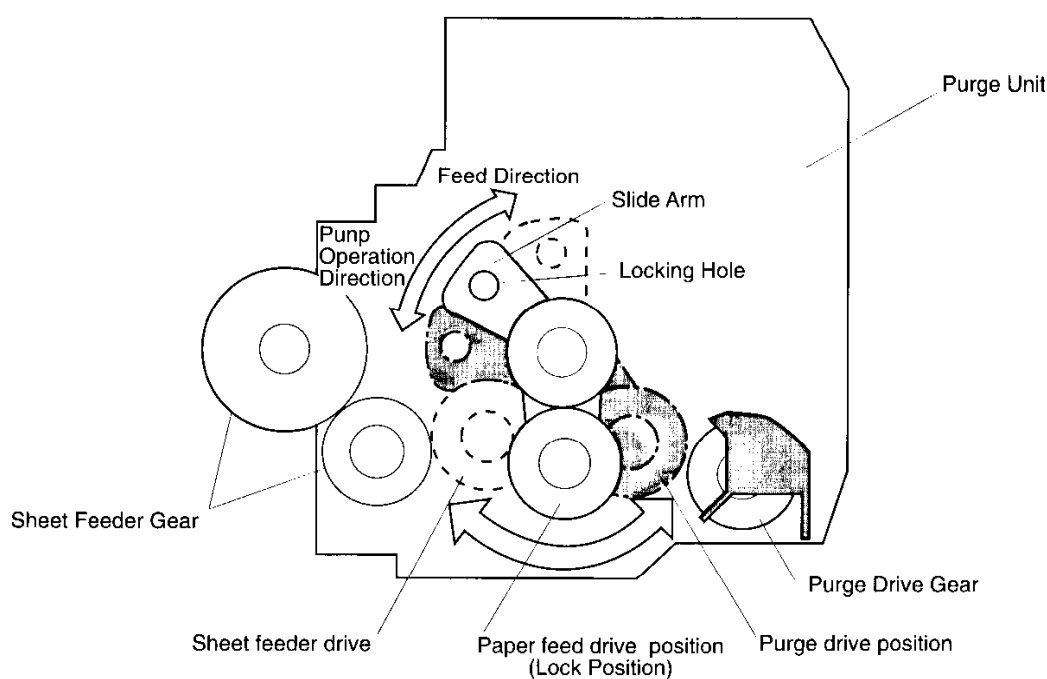
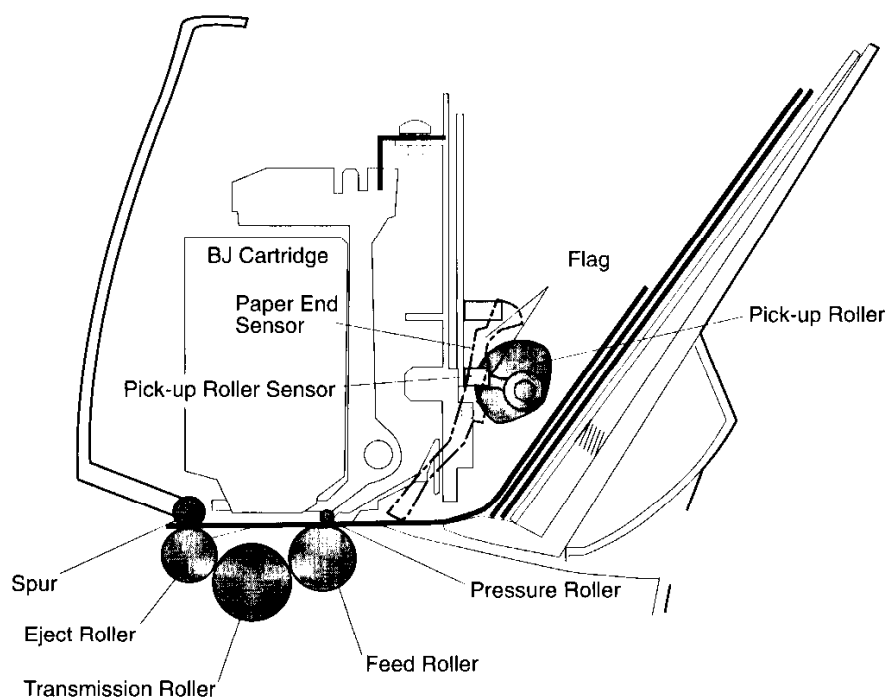


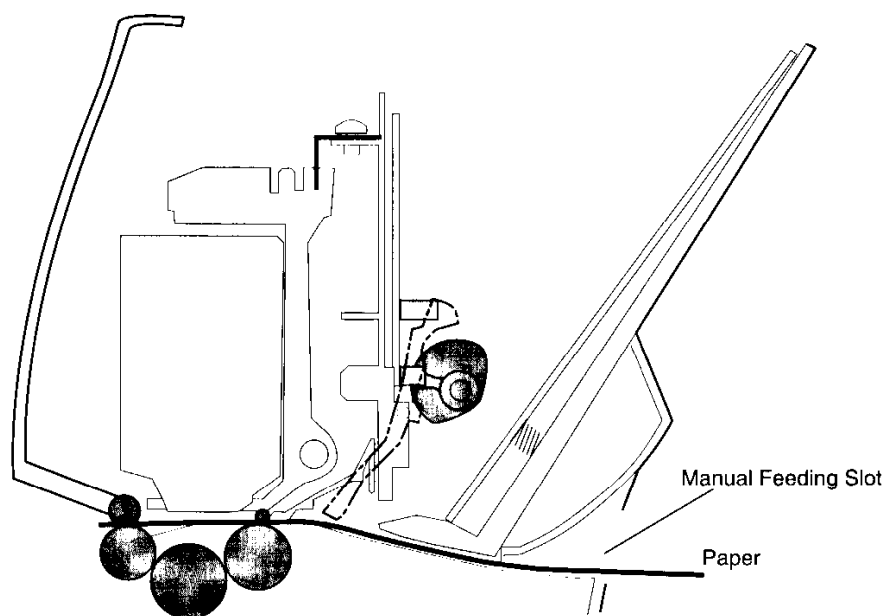
Figure 4-22 Paper Feed Motor Drive Transmission

3.5 Paper Feed

3.5.1 Outline of the Paper feed



<Paper path from the cut sheet feeder>



<Paper path from the manual feeding slot>

Figure 4-23 Paper Feed Mechanism

1) Paper feed mechanism

The paper feed mechanism can supply paper in two ways, automatically from the cut sheet feeder and manually from the manual feeding slot.

The built-in cut sheet feeder is driven by the paper feed motor. Paper stacked in the sheet feeder is picked up and fed automatically. Even thick paper like envelopes can be fed automatically without selecting the paper type mechanically with the paper selection lever.

When paper is loaded in both the cut sheet feeder and manual feeding slot, priority is given to the manual feeding slot.

When the paper is sensed by the paper end sensor, it is fed automatically by the paper feed roller until it reaches the starting position for printing on the platen.

During printing, the paper is fed by the rotation speed of the paper feed roller.

The paper after printing is delivered out by the eject roller.

2) Paper feed operation

Paper feed operations are executed by the *RESUME* button. When the *RESUME* button is pressed until the beeper sounds once, the paper is fed automatically from the sheet feeder if it is not at the starting position. If the paper is already at the starting position, it is delivered out.

3.5.2 Auto feed/Manual feed

This printer has no paper selection lever on the cut sheet feeder.

If the paper meets specifications, it can be fed without selecting operation the paper type. The paper is loaded in the cut sheet feeder such that a corner of it is caught by the paper separator. When printing starts, the pick-up roller starts to rotate through the drive of the paper feed motor. Plain paper is fed with its corner held by the paper separator, and then pushed into the paper feed section. When printing on thick paper like envelopes, as the paper is stiffer than the return force of the paper separator's spring, the paper separator is pressed down to feed the paper.

Initial position of the pick-up roller is detected when the flag is sensed by the pick-up roller sensor on the logic board.

When the paper is sensed by the paper end sensor for over a second, it is fed automatically until it reaches the starting position for printing.

If the paper is not sensed even when the paper pick-up operation is executed, it is executed again. If the paper is still not sensed, it is assessed as a paper feed error.

When manual feeding, set the paper in the manual feeding slot until it reaches the position where the paper end sensor detects the paper.

Paper pushed into the paper feed section is fed to the starting position for printing after it has been sensed by the paper sensor for over a second.

At this time, the paper passes through a different paper path from that of the cut sheet feeder. This makes it possible to give priority to manually fed paper, even when paper is loaded in the cut sheet feeder.

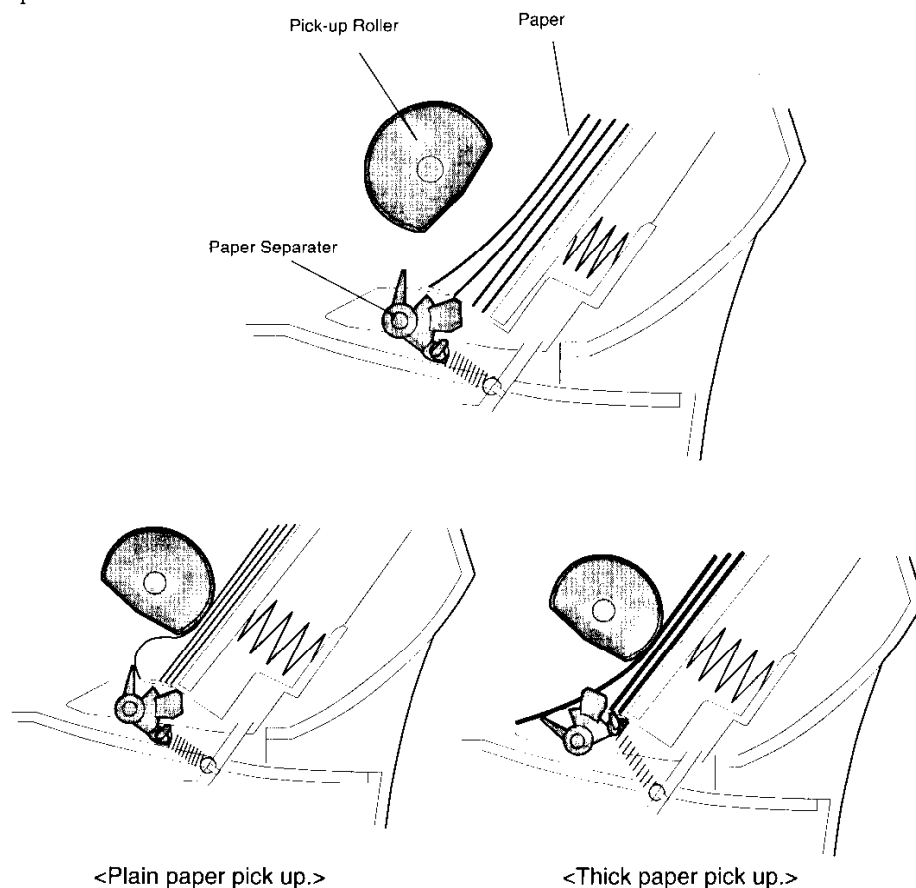


Figure 4-24 Paper Pick-up Mechanism

4. PRINTER ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

4.1 Overview

The electrical system functions are handled by the logic section or power supply. The logic section converts the data from the interface into print signals or printer operation signals and drives the BJ cartridge and motors while monitoring the status of the sensors.

The power supply unit consists of a built in AC adapter which provides DC output to the logic board, motors and head etc. When DC input power from the AC adapter is being supplied, all of the hardware components are active except for the following which are inactive: All buttons except the *POWER* button, and the photo interrupter's sensor.

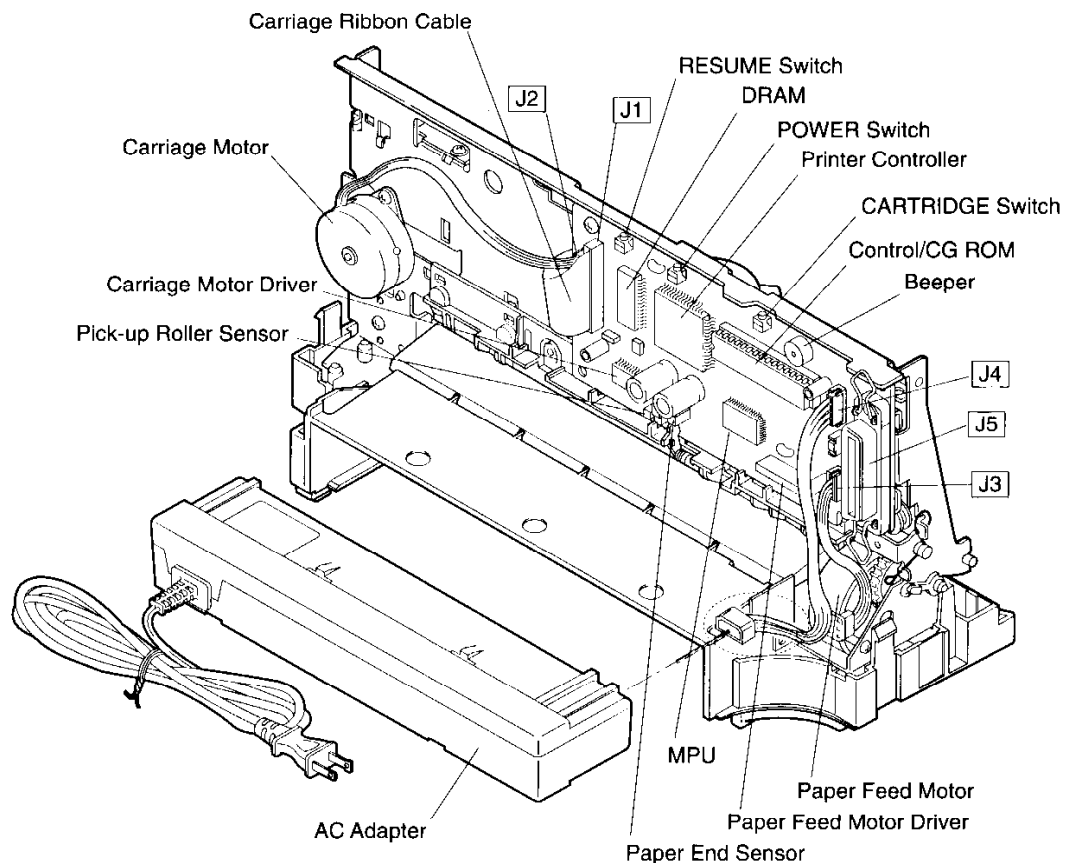


Figure 4-25 Printer Electrical System

4.2 Logic Section

4.2.1 Logic section block diagram

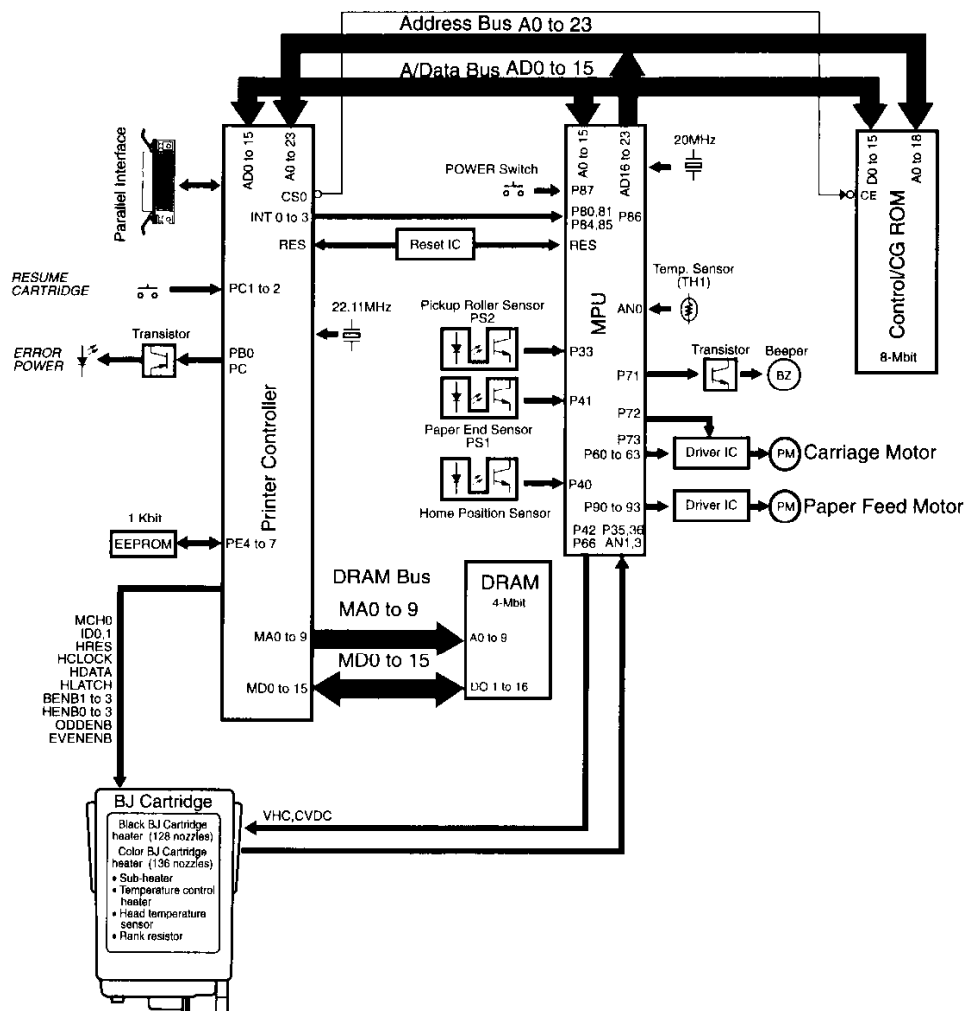


Figure 4-26 Logic Board Block Diagram

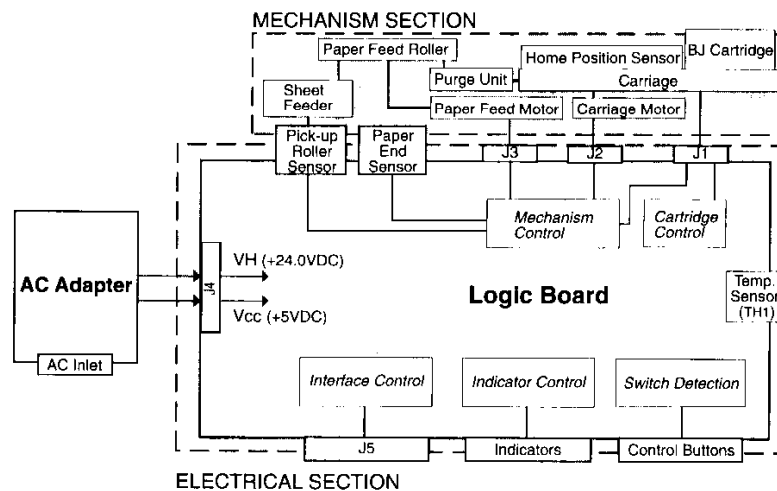


Figure 4-27 Printer Block Diagram

4.2.2 Logic section components

1) MPU (IC1)

The MPU contains a 16-bit CPU, 1K-bit RAM, 24-bit address bus port, 16-bit data bus port, stepping motor controller, interrupter controller, A-D converter, I/O ports, and other components.

Built-in CPU

The 16-bit CPU operates in synchronization with a 20 MHz external clock input.

Address bus

The 24-bit address bus port is connected to an 8 M-bit control/CG ROM and printer controller. The controller/CG ROM synchronizes with the read signals output by the MPU and the 20 MHz clock signal. The printer controller then selects the chip.

Data bus

Like the address bus, the 16-bit data bus port is connected to the 8 M-bit control/CG ROM and printer controller.

Stepping motor controller

The stepping motor controller outputs the carriage motor single- and two-phase exciter drive signals and paper feed motor two-phase drive signals.

The stepping motor controller switches the carriage motor with the 5-step peak current value for optimum drive. The stepping motor controller outputs the switching control signal to the carriage motor driver.

Interrupt controller

For external interruption, the MPU has ports P80, 81, 84, 85, and 87 to receive the POWER button on/off switching, data reception, initial interrupt request, receive buffer-full warning, and other signals. The MPU executes interrupt processing for the respective signals.

A-D converter

The following analog signals are detected after they pass through the built-in A-D converter:

AN0: The printer's internal temperature is detected by the thermistor on the logic board.

AN1: The head temperature is detected by the head temperature sensor in the BJ cartridge.

AN3: The head rank is detected by the rank resistor in the BJ cartridge.

I/O port

The setting status determined by the head ID, paper end sensor, home position sensor, and pick-up roller sensor are input through the input parts. The buzzer, BJ cartridge detection, head-driving voltage control, and other signals are output from the output ports.

2) Printer controller (IC5)

The printer controller contains the interface controller, print head controller, buffer controller, DRAM controller, EEPROM controller, I/O ports, etc. It operates in synchronization with an external 22.11 MHz external clock input.

Interface controller

The interface controller receives from the computer, 8-bit parallel data which is synchronized with the data strobe pulse (STROBE) through the BUSY/ACKNLG handshake. It also controls other interface signals.

The data received through the interface is stored in the DRAM's receive buffer and analyzed by the MPU.

When the printer initialization signal $\overline{\text{INIT}}$ is input through the interface to the printer controller, the printer controller outputs a BUSY signal. Also, after INT1 is output to the MPU and print data in the print buffer is printed, the printer is initialized.

DRAM controller

The DRAM controller is a DRAM-specific bus separate from the MPU bus. It controls the 4 M bit DRAM's 10-bit address/16-bit data bus and also executes read/write control, RAS/CAS control, and refresh control.

Buffer controller

The buffer controller automatically writes the received data to the receive buffer on the DRAM, manages the receive buffer's remaining capacity, automatically reads the print buffer, and clears the data after it is read.

Print head controller

The print head controller converts the print data read from the DRAM's print buffer from parallel to serial and sends it to the print head. At the same time, the printed dots are counted for the variable control of the Heat-enable (H ENB) signal pulse width.

The head-driving signals consist of the block enable signals (B ENB 0, 1, 2), odd/even enable signals (OddENB/EvenENB), and heat enable signals (H ENB 0, 1). The block enable signals and odd/even enable signals specify the block for time-shared drive. The heat enable signals control the eject heater's conduction time.

I/O port

The I/O ports sense the *RESUME* and *CARTRIDGE* buttons' input status. The output ports control the lighting of the *POWER* and *ERROR* indicators.

3) Control/CG ROM (IC3)

The 8 M-bit control/CG ROM contains the program and bitmap font data for printer control.

4) DRAM (IC4)

Controlled by the printer controller, the 4 M-bit DRAM is used as a receive buffer, download buffer, print buffer, and working area.

5) Reset IC (IC7)

This IC detects the power voltage when turning on the power or instantaneous power failure.

6) EEPROM (IC8)

Controlled by the printer controller, the 1 K-bit EEPROM (Electrically Erasable and Programmable ROM) stores various function settings, the total count of printed sheets, and the total waste ink amount.

7) Paper feed motor driver (IC6)

Controlled by the MPU, the paper feed motor driver drives the paper feed motor (controlled by the two-phase exciter) with a constant-voltage unipolar drive. The driving IC has four same circuits.

8) Carriage motor driver (IC12)

Controlled by the MPU, the carriage motor driver drives the carriage motor (controlled by the one to two-phase exciter) with a fixed current bipolar drive. In accordance with the switching signal from the MPU, the peak current value is set to five steps and driven.

The driving IC has two of the same circuits.

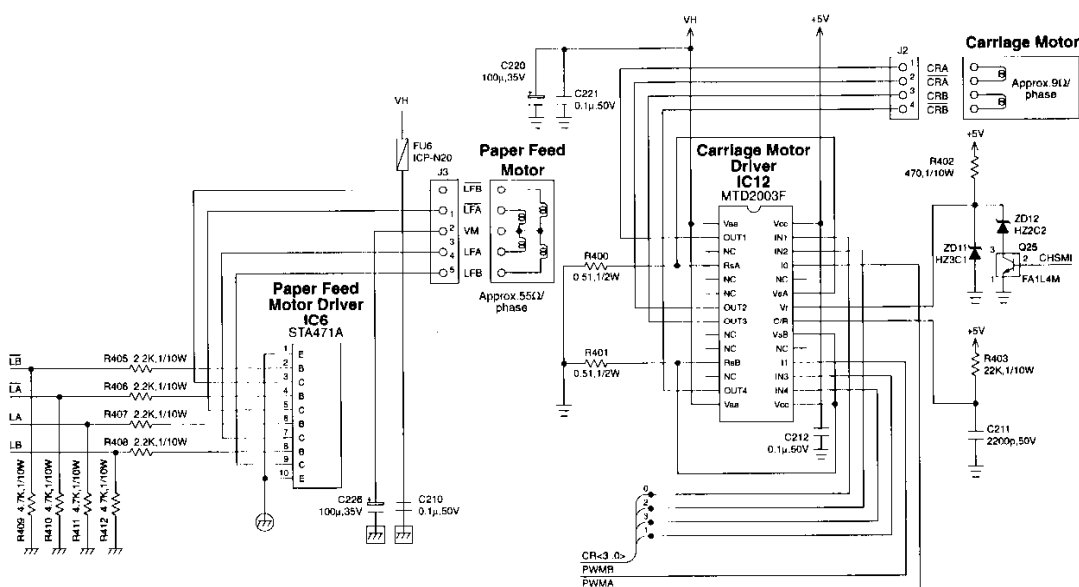


Figure 4-28 Motor-Driving Circuit

5. SENSOR FUNCTIONS

The printer has a pick-up roller sensor, paper end sensor, home position sensor (purge sensor), printer temperature sensor, and head temperature sensor. Furthermore, the EEPROM counts and records the waste ink absorption amount. When the waste ink absorber becomes full, the waste ink absorption amount indicates an error.

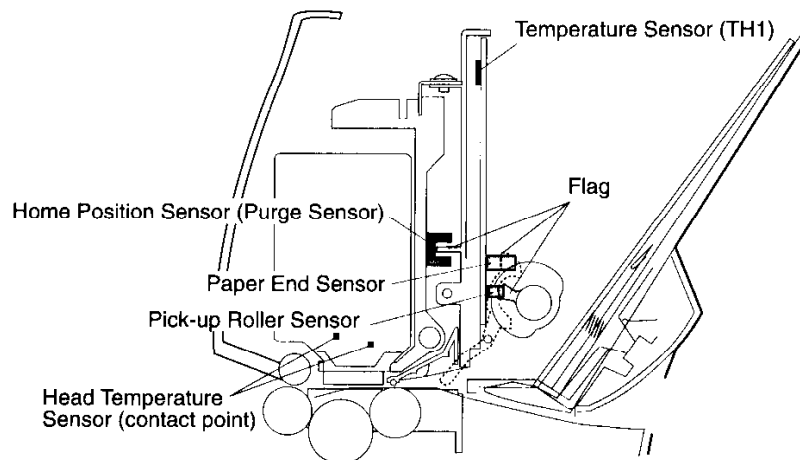


Figure 4-29 Sensors

5.1 Pick-up Roller Sensor

The photo interrupter-type pick-up roller sensor detects the initial position of the sheet feeder pickup roller. When the initial position is detected, the flag interrupts the sensor.

5.2 Paper End Sensor

The photo interrupter-type paper end sensor detects with the paper sensor arm's flag the presence of paper when the edge of the paper sheet passes through the paper feeding mechanism. When there is no paper the sensor is closed, however the sensor is opened when paper is detected.

5.3 Home Position Sensor (Purge Sensor)

The photo interrupter-type home position sensor senses the home position edge and carriage position. After the edge is detected, the carriage moves to the right. The position where the maintenance jet is executed becomes the home position. Also, at the capping position, the on/off of the purge sensor flag during the recovery operation is detected.

5.4 Temperature Sensor

The temperature sensor is a thermistor which detects the printer's internal temperature. The thermistor resistance fluctuates with any temperature changes. The change in resistance is detected as a change in the voltage by the MPU. The analog value input to the MPU is converted into a digital value by the internal A-D converter to detect the temperature. After the printer temperature is detected, the head-driving and head temperature adjustment signals are controlled accordingly.

5.5 Head Temperature Sensor

The head temperature sensor in the print head is a diode sensor which detects the head's internal temperature. Temperature changes in the head are detected by the MPU as voltage-level changes.

The analog value input to the MPU is converted into a digital value by the A-D converter. This digital value is used for stopping dot ejection if there is an abnormal temperature increase.

5.6 Waste Ink Amount Detection

Waste ink is discharged during head maintenance and absorbed by the waste ink absorber.

If the amount of waste ink discharged exceeds the absorption capacity of the waste ink absorber, ink might leak from the printer.

To prevent ink from leaking, the waste ink absorber capacity is estimated and detected when full.

The waste ink is discharged during maintenance jet and cleaning. The amount of waste ink discharged is estimated by counting the number of maintenance jet and cleaning operations. Then the waste ink amount is calculated taking into consideration the amount of evaporated ink. When the calculated waste ink amount exceeds the capacity of the waste ink absorber, a waste ink-full error occurs.

TABLE 4-5 LIST OF SENSOR FUNCTIONS

Sensor Function	Description	Status
Paper detection	Detected by the paper sensor	Provided
Paper width detection		Not provided
Home position detection	Detected by the home position sensor	Provided
BJ cartridge detection	Detected by the head rank resistance and head temperature sensor	Provided
Ink cartridge detection		Not provided
BJ cartridge identification	Identified by the head's ID0 and ID1	Provided
Waste ink amount detection	Calculated with the maintenance jet dot count	Provided

1. MAINTENANCE

1.1 Parts for Regular Replacement

Level	Part
User	None
Service personnel	None

1.2 Consumables

Level	Consumable
User	Black BJ cartridge Color BJ cartridge Color ink cartridge / Black ink cartridge
Service personnel	None

1.3 Periodic Maintenance

Level	Periodic Maintenance
User	None
Service personnel	None

2. SERVICING TOOLS

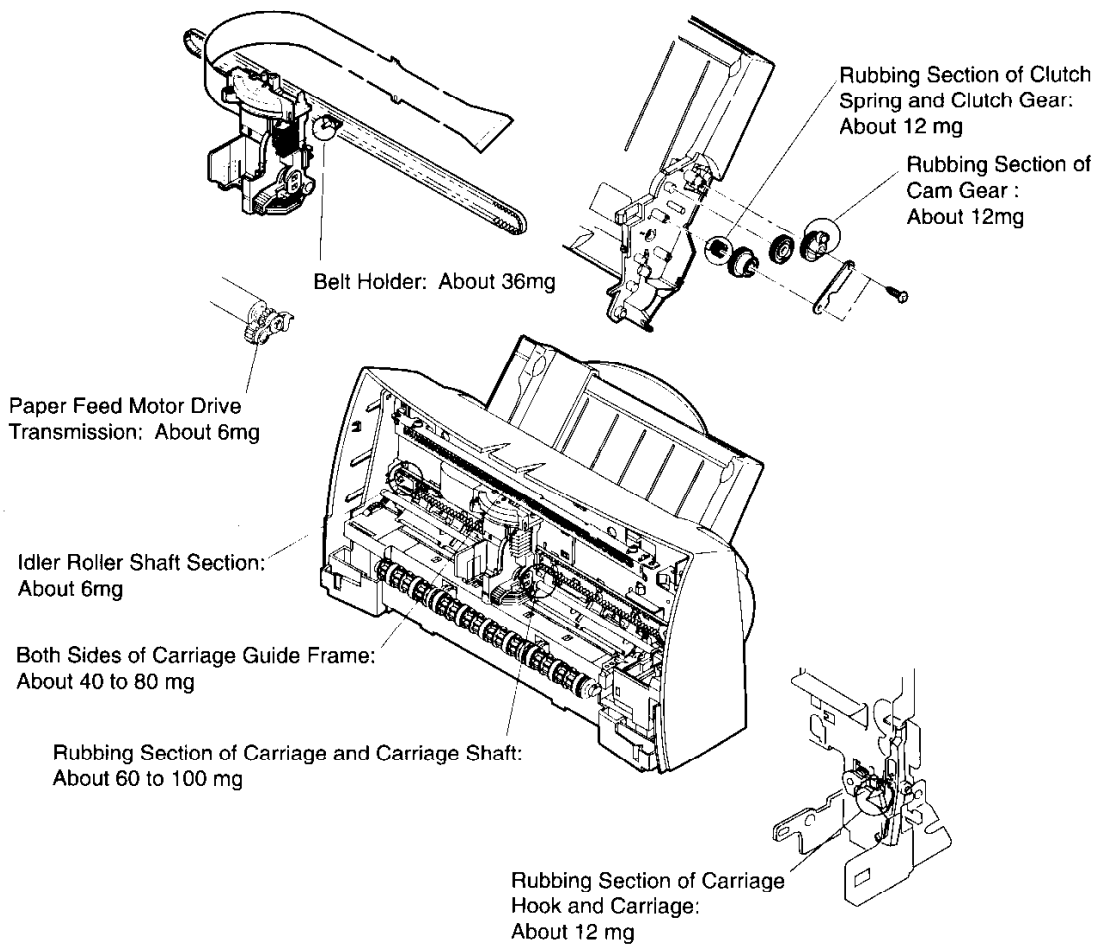
2.1 List of Tools

Ordinary Tool	Use
Phillips screwdriver	For removing screws
Blade screwdriver	For removing plastic parts
Tweezers	For installing and removing coil springs
Multi-meter	For troubleshooting

Special Tool (Parts Number)	Use
Gap gauge 1.2 mm (QY9-0016-000)	For adjusting the head gap
Black BJ cartridge	For adjusting the head gap
Grease FLOIL G311S (TKC-0953-000)	Note: Do not use the user's black BJ cartridge Apply to the specified place as shown in Figure 5-1

3. GREASE APPLICATION

Use the special tool to apply grease at the points shown below.



Apply an appropriate amount of FLOIL G311S to the specified sections in the figure

Figure 5-1 Grease Application Points

4. DISASSEMBLY AND REASSEMBLY

4.1 Disassembly and Reassembly

When disassembling or reassembling the printer, refer to the parts catalog. In the parts catalog, figure numbers are in the order of disassembly. Close-up diagrams are also provided for additional detail.

4.2 Disassembly and Reassembly Cautions

When disassembling or reassembling the printer, note the following precautions. These cautions are also provided in the parts catalog.

4.2.1 Waste ink absorber installation

Install the waste ink absorber correctly. If it is folded inward, the waste ink absorption will not be as effective.

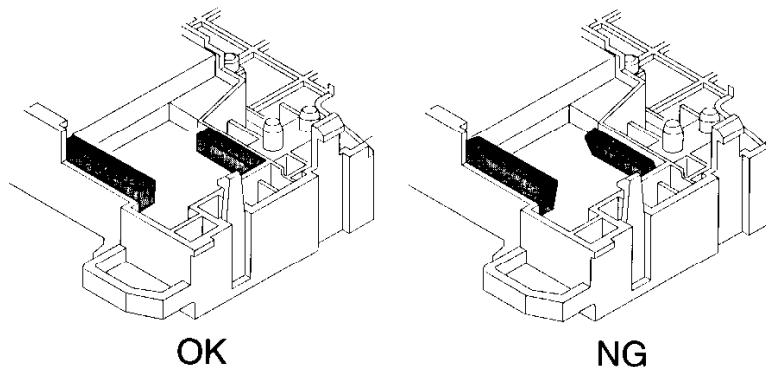


Figure 5-2 Waste Ink Absorber Installation

4.2.2 Carriage guide frame installation

The carriage guide frame adjusts the head gap between the BJ cartridge head face and platen to obtain optimum printing quality. It is mounted on the printer frame. The head gap must be adjusted only when the carriage guide frame position on the printer frame is altered.

The screws fastening the carriage guide frame are painted red so that they are not loosened during servicing.

If the carriage guide frame must be disassembled, follow the procedure in "5. ADJUSTMENTS" (page 5-6) to adjust the head gap.

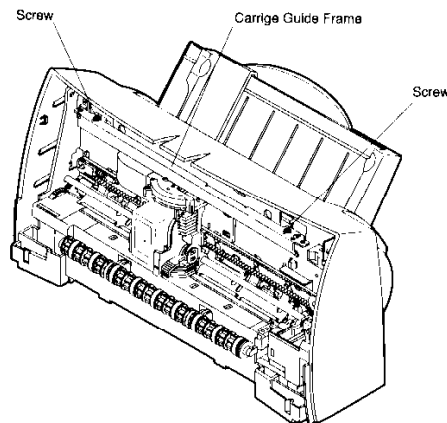


Figure 5-3 Carriage Guide Frame

4.3 Logic Board and Waste Ink Absorber Replacement Cautions

4.3.1 Logic board replacement cautions

The various settings, waste ink amount, and other data stored in the logic board's EEPROM cannot be rewritten into the new EEPROM after the logic board is replaced. The data in the new logic board's EEPROM is not set. After the logic board/EEPROM is replaced, reset the EEPROM as described in "Part 3: 3.6 EEPROM Reset" (page 3-24). When replacing the logic board, visually check the amount of waste ink in the waste ink absorber. Replace the waste ink absorber if necessary. Depending on the amount of waste ink already absorbed, ink may leak even before a waste ink-full error warning appears.

The lower waste ink absorber in particular must be replaced. However, it is not necessary to replace it if the printer has been used for less than 2 weeks and less than 50 pages have been printed out.

Replace the upper waste ink absorber only if it has absorbed ink. It is not necessary to replace it a small amount of if waste ink has been absorbed though making contact with the lower waste ink absorber.



The waste ink absorption capacity is the total absorption capacity of the upper and lower waste ink absorbers. When the printer is first used, most of the waste ink is absorbed by the lower waste ink absorber. The amount of waste ink in the upper ink absorber rises as the amount in the lower absorber increases.

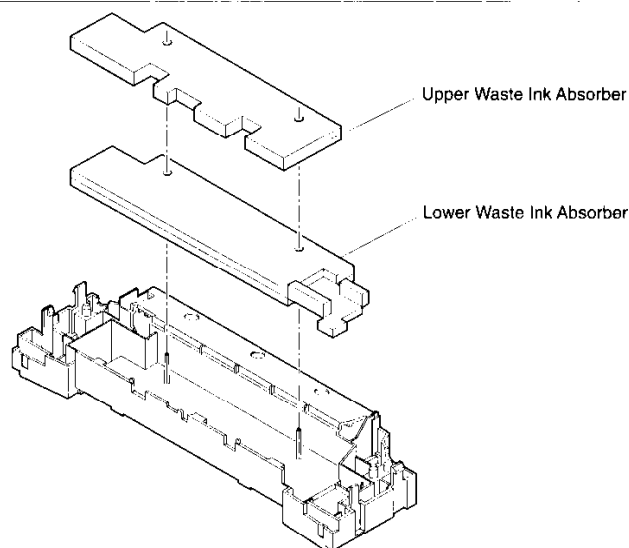


Figure 5-4 Waste Ink Absorbers

4.3.2 Cautions after replacing the waste ink absorber

After a waste ink-full error occurs and the waste ink absorbers are replaced, reset the EEPROM.



When a waste ink-full error occurs, it can be assumed that the printer has printed more sheets than its service life called for. However, this depends on how many times the cartridge has been replaced and the usage conditions. When a color BJ cartridge is used, more ink is consumed due to head maintenance compared to a black BJ cartridge. Therefore, the waste ink amount will also be more.

5. ADJUSTMENTS

5.1 Adjustment Point

Only the head gap between the BJ cartridge's head face and platen needs to be adjusted (to approximately 1.2 mm) to ensure optimum print quality.

This adjustment is done by moving the carriage guide frame forward or back.

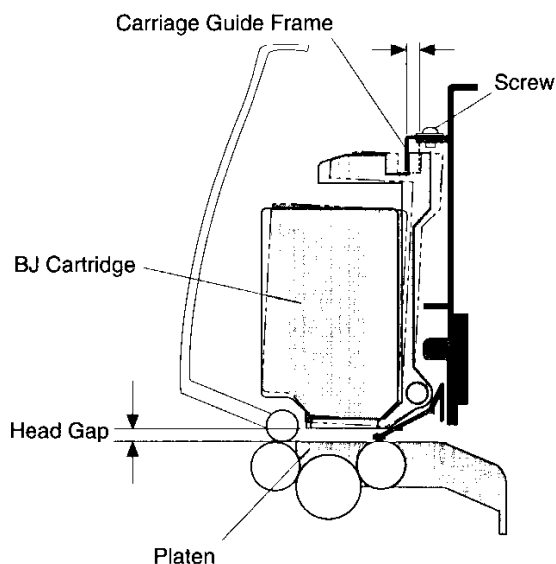


Figure 5-5 Head Gap Adjustment



The head gap differs depending on the position of the paper thickness lever.

To adjust the head gap, move the paper thickness lever to the left (for plain paper printing with a black BJ cartridge) and set the head gap to approximately 1.2 mm.

5.2 When Adjustment is Required

If the carriage guide frame fastened to the printer frame is repositioned, the head gap must be adjusted.

The screws are painted red to prevent them from being loosened.

5.2.1 Tools required for adjustment

TABLE 5-1 TOOLS REQUIRED FOR HEAD GAP ADJUSTMENT

Tool	Use
Gap gauge 1.2 mm (QY9-0016-000)	For adjusting the head gap
Black BJ cartridge	Use as a tool Note: Do not use the user's black BJ cartridge

5.3 Adjustment Procedure

5.3.1 Preparation

- 1) Remove the upper case unit. (Or assemble the printer until the rear cover is attached.)
- 2) Install a black BJ cartridge (for servicing) into the carriage.
- 3) Push in the carriage guide frame as of the arrows and tighten screws A and B lightly.
- 4) Move the carriage belt with your fingers to move the carriage to position A (center of platen).



Before making the adjustment, make sure the gap gauge is not deformed and no foreign particles are adhering to it and the platen.

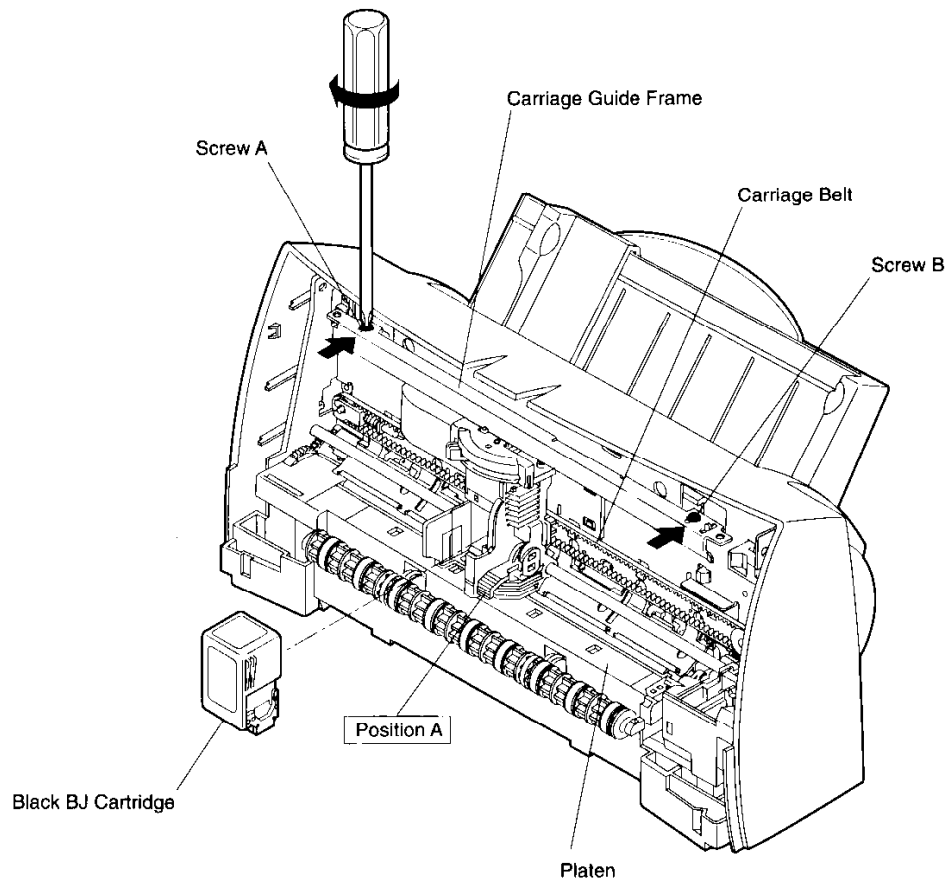


Figure 5-6 Adjustment Preparation

5.3.2 Adjustment

- 1) Set the paper thickness lever to the right and place the gap gauge at position B.
- 2) Move the carriage to position B.
- 3) Set the paper thickness lever to the left.
- 4) Loosen screw A until the carriage guide frame moves forward under the carriage's own weight with screw B as a pivot.
- 5) Lightly push the screw A end of the carriage guide frame once or twice and check that the carriage guide frame moves around screw B as shown by the arrows. If it does not return to the original position, screw B is too tight. And if it moves on the screw B end as well, screw B is too loose. Refasten the carriage guide frame lightly again and repeat the procedure from 5.3.1 Preparation).
- 6) Lightly tighten screw A.
- 7) Put the paper thickness lever to the right and move the carriage to position A. Then place the gap gauge at position C.
- 8) Move the carriage to position C.
- 9) Put the paper thickness lever to the left.

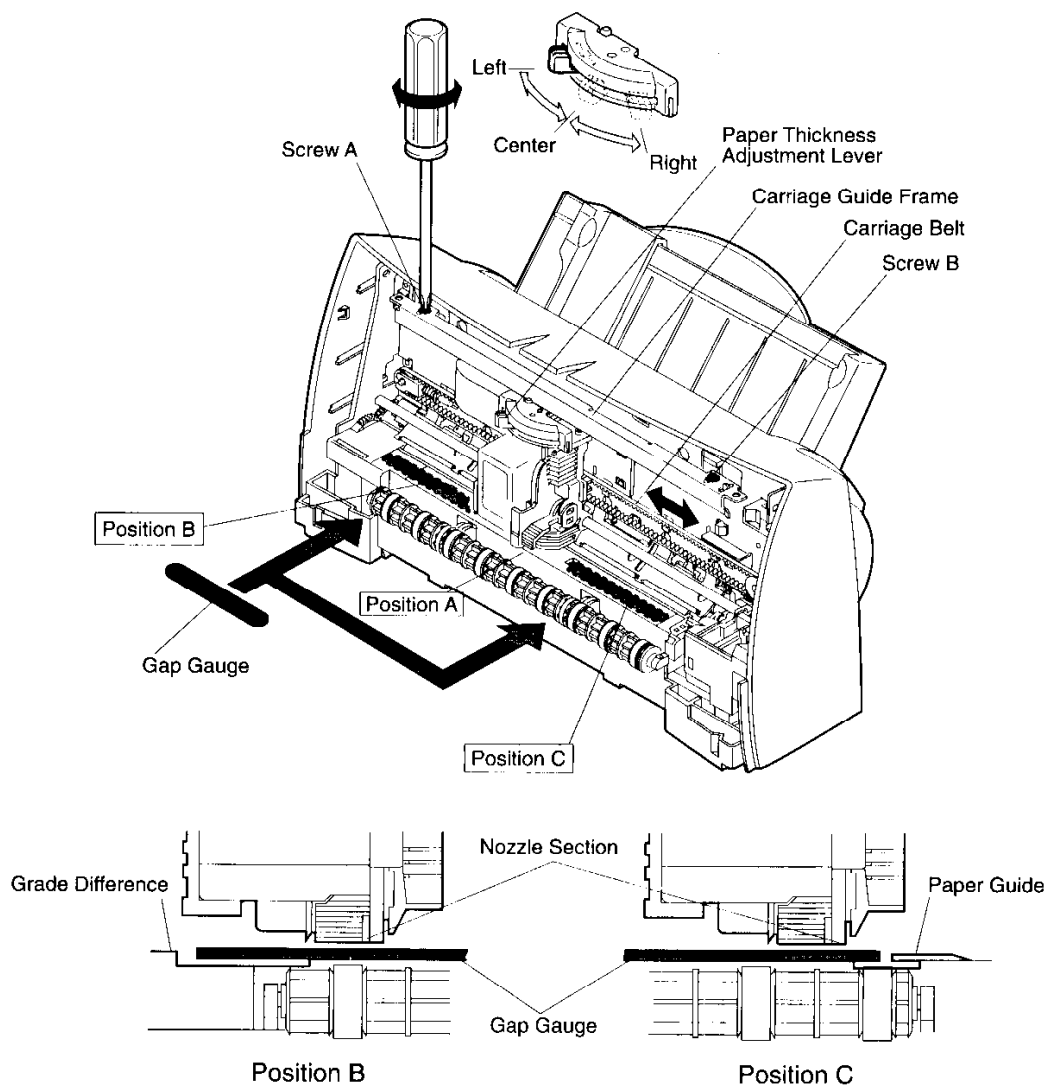


Figure 5-7 Head Gap Adjustment (1)

- 10) Loosen screw B until the carriage guide frame moves forward under the carriage's own weight around screw A.
- 11) Lightly push the screw B end of the carriage guide frame once or twice and check that the carriage guide frame moves around screw A as shown by the arrows.
If it does not return to its original position, screw A is too tight. And if it moves on the screw A end as well, screw A is too loose. Refasten the carriage guide frame lightly again and repeat the procedure from 5.3.1 Preparation).
- 12) Lightly tighten screw B.
- 13) Push the paper thickness lever to the right and move the carriage to position A.
Then place the gap gauge at position B.
- 14) Repeat steps 2) through 13) twice.
- 15) Tighten screws A and B alternately for final tightening.

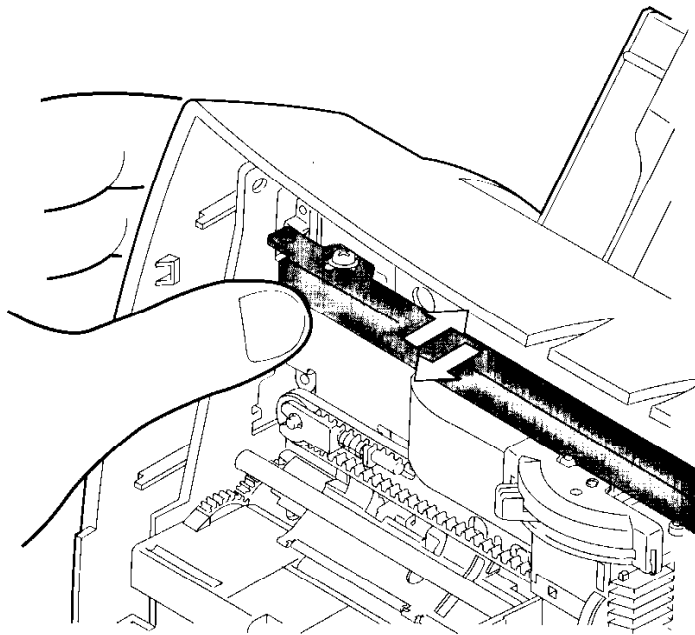


Figure 5-8 Head Gap Adjustment (2)



Do not use your hand to move the carriage. It may cause the carriage guide frame to shift. To move the carriage, use the carriage belt instead. On the platen, there is an elevated step and paper guide. If the gap gauge is placed on either part, an accurate measurement will not be obtained.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

6.1 Troubleshooting

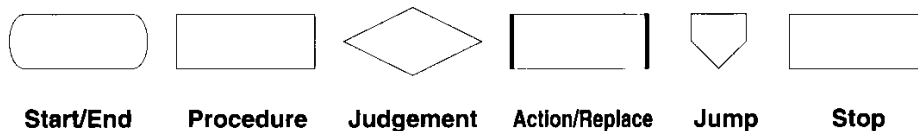
6.1.1 Overview

This chapter consists of the following two sections on subsequent pages: "Error condition diagnosis" for diagnosing the problem when the cause is unknown and "Symptoms" for resolving problems whose cause is known.

If the cause of the problem is unknown, diagnose the problem. And if the cause is known, follow the countermeasures to resolve the problem.

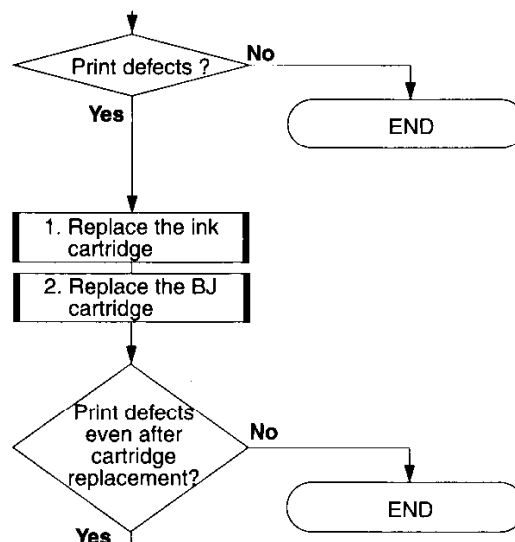
6.1.2 Troubleshooting cautions

1. Before troubleshooting, make sure the connectors and ribbon cable are properly connected. If the problem occurs at random, be sure to check the connections.
2. When servicing the printer with its outer casing removed and the AC adapter connected, beware of electrical shocks and PCB short circuiting.
3. Troubleshooting is described in flowchart form.
The following symbols are used in the flowcharts.



4. If there is a problem with the printing quality or paper feeding, first check that the printer's installation location and paper meet the required specifications. Also check that the paper select lever and the paper thickness lever are set correctly and that the paper is loaded properly.
5. After replacing parts or repairing the printer, be sure to make a test print to confirm that the problem has been fixed.
If the problem still persists, troubleshoot again while skipping the steps already executed.

Example 1

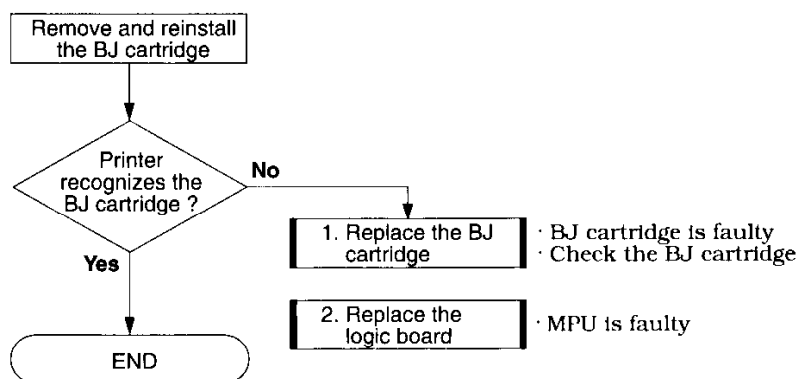


6. Some troubleshooting procedures include successive countermeasures. These are steps must be followed to resolve the problem.
After each countermeasure step, make a test print to confirm whether the problem has been amended. If the problem persists, execute the subsequent countermeasure steps.

Example 2

Countermeasure 1: After replacing the BJ cartridge, execute a test printout to check whether the problem has been fixed.

If the problem persists, execute the next countermeasure step 2 which calls for the replacement of the logic board.



7. Ink cartridge replacement as a countermeasure is only applicable after the color BJ cartridge has been used for the Symptom. When using the black BJ cartridge for troubleshooting, advance to the next step.
8. After completing the troubleshooting, be sure to reconnect connectors and tighten any loosened screws.

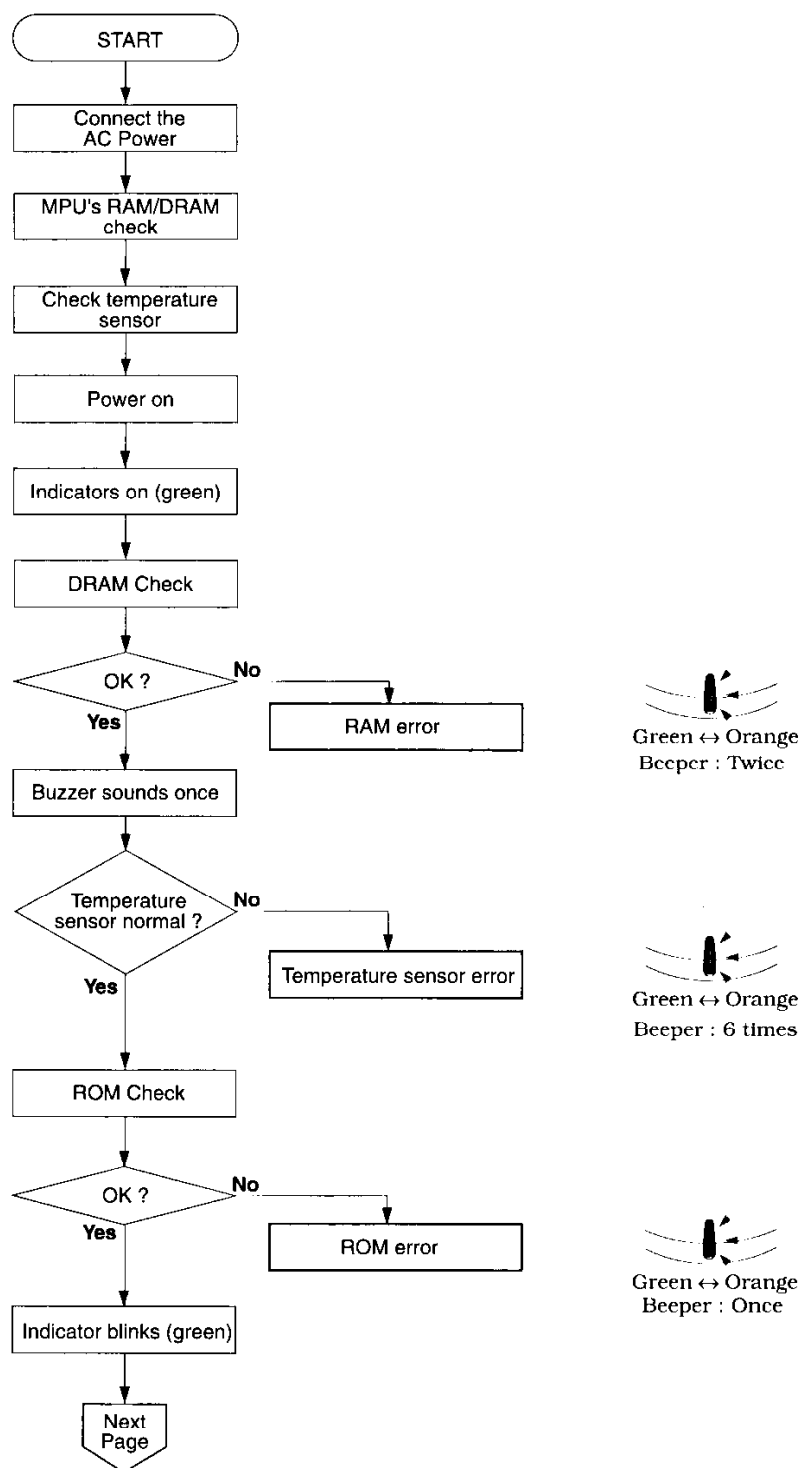


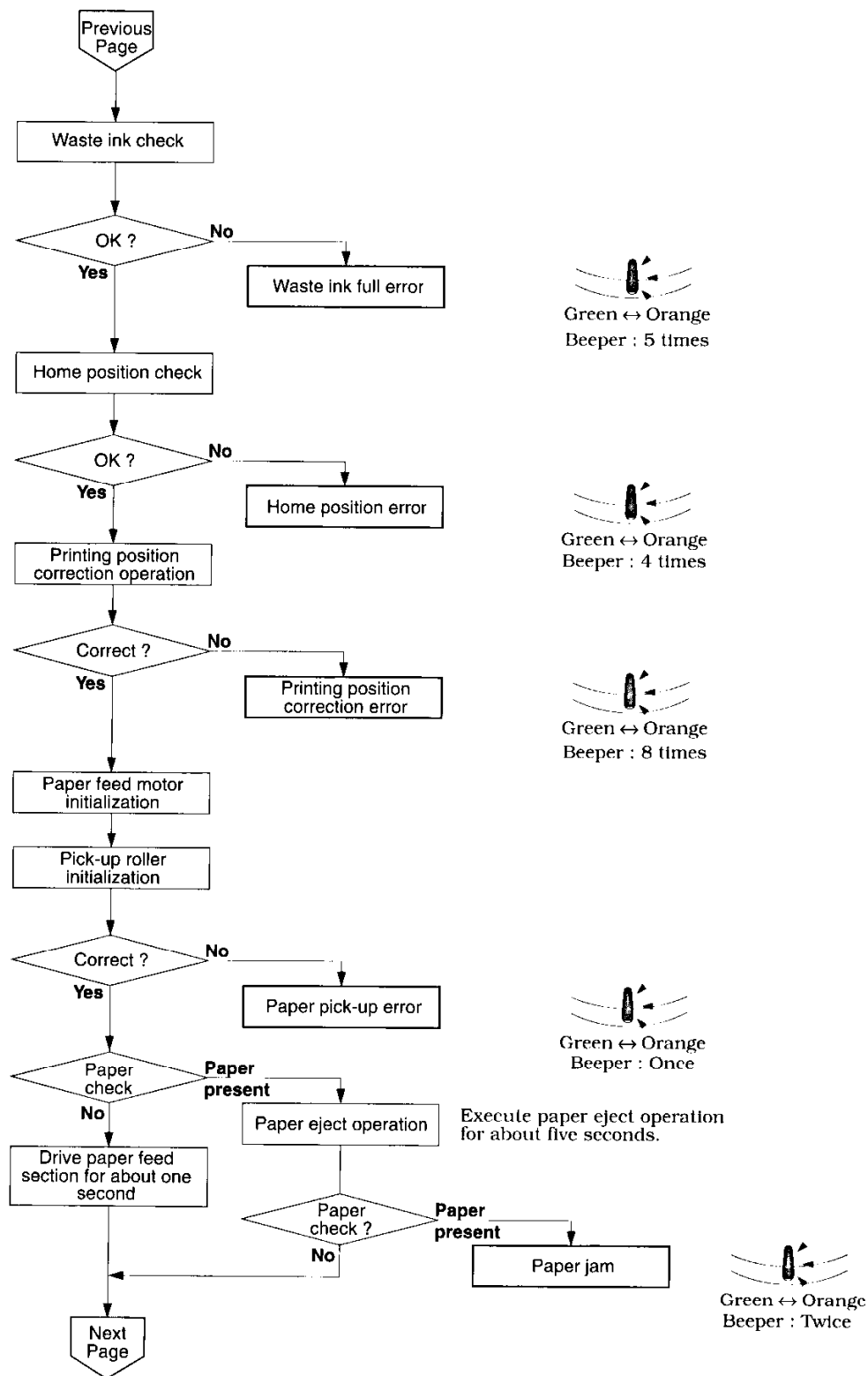
When replacing the logic board, be sure to check the waste ink absorbers' ink amount on the rear of the printer base unit. If necessary, reset the EEPROM.

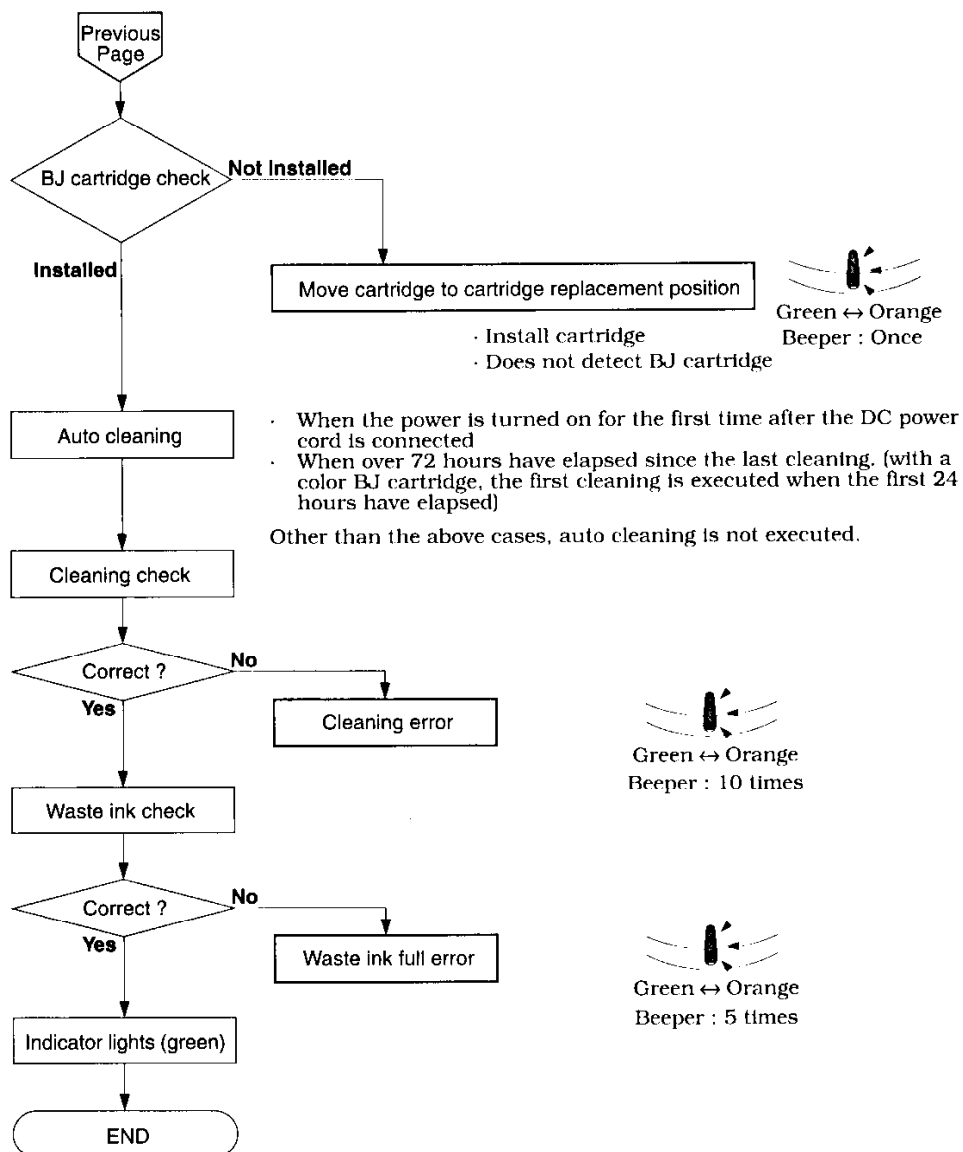
Refer to *Part 3, 3.6 EEPROM Reset (page 3-24)* and *Part 5, 4.3 Logic Board and Waste Ink Absorber Replacement Cautions (page 5-5)*.

6.2 Error Condition Diagnosis

6.2.1 Initial self check







6.2.2 Error recovery

a) Error display

1. RAM Error

<Cause> RAM reading and writing is not being performed properly.

<Suspected Parts> DRAM

<Measure> Replace logic board.

2. ROM Error

<Cause> During initialization, the contents in ROM cannot be read.

<Suspected Parts> Control/CG ROM

<Measure> Replace logic board.



When a RAM error or ROM error occurs, the correct error display may not be displayed. When replacing the control board, check the amount of waste ink absorbed by the waste ink absorbers in the printer base unit. If necessary, also replace the waste ink absorbers.

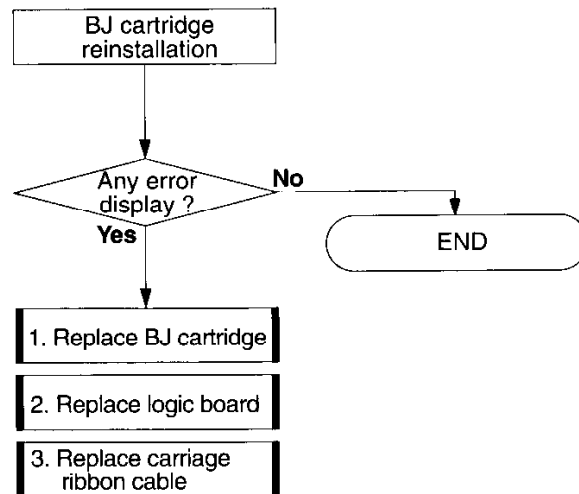
(See "4.3 Logic Board and Waste Ink Absorber Replacement Cautions".)

3. BJ Cartridge Displaced Error

<Cause> The BJ cartridge is not installed correctly in the cartridge replacement position.

<Suspected Parts> BJ cartridge, control board, carriage connector

<Measure>



4. Home Position Error

<Cause> The home position cannot be detected.

<Suspected Parts> Home position sensor, carriage motor, logic board, carriage ribbon cable

<Measure>

Visual check of carriage drive mechanism

- Check for any paper jams, carriage belt wear/deterioration/dislocation, deformation of the carriage or carriage guide frame, scratching or bending in the carriage shaft, etc.
- Move the carriage by hand and check that it moves smoothly and there is no abnormal noise.

Correct ?

No

Repair/replace faulty parts

Carriage motor operation check

- Turns the during initialization ?
- Out of sync ?

Correct ?

No

Carriage motor check

Measuring points		Normal reading
J2	1-2	Approx. 9 Ω
Pin No.	3-4	

Correct ?

No

Replace carriage motor

Replace logic board and check waste ink absorbers

Home position sensor check

Mesuring points	Sensor	Normal reading
J1	Open	Low (Home position sense)
Pin No. 30	Closed	High

While the power is on, press the cartridge button and remove the BJ cartridge. Move the carriage home position sensor by hand and check.

Correct ?

No

Replace carriage ribbon cable

- Home position sensor is faulty
- Ribbon cable is loose

Replace logic board

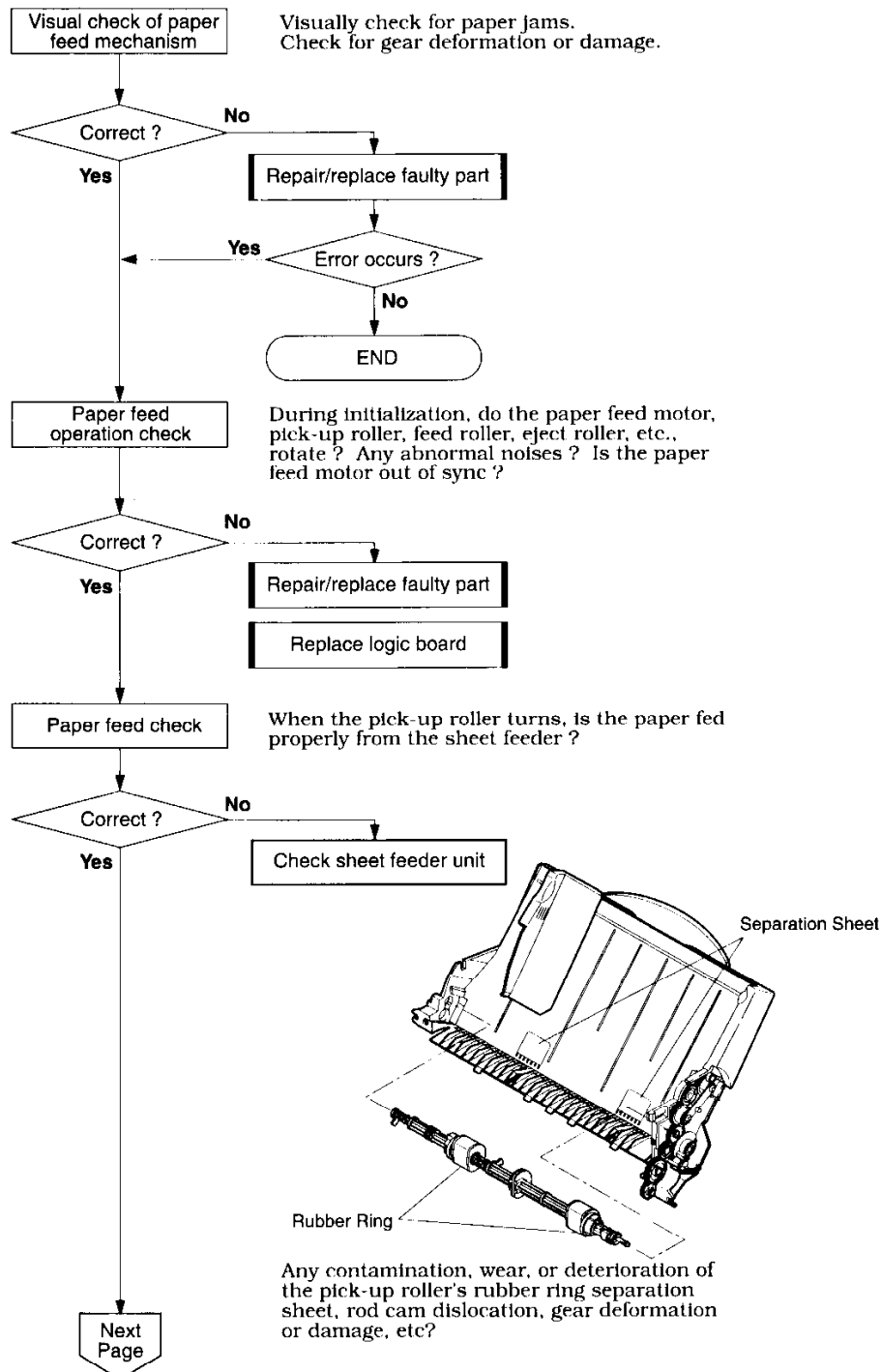
- MPU faulty

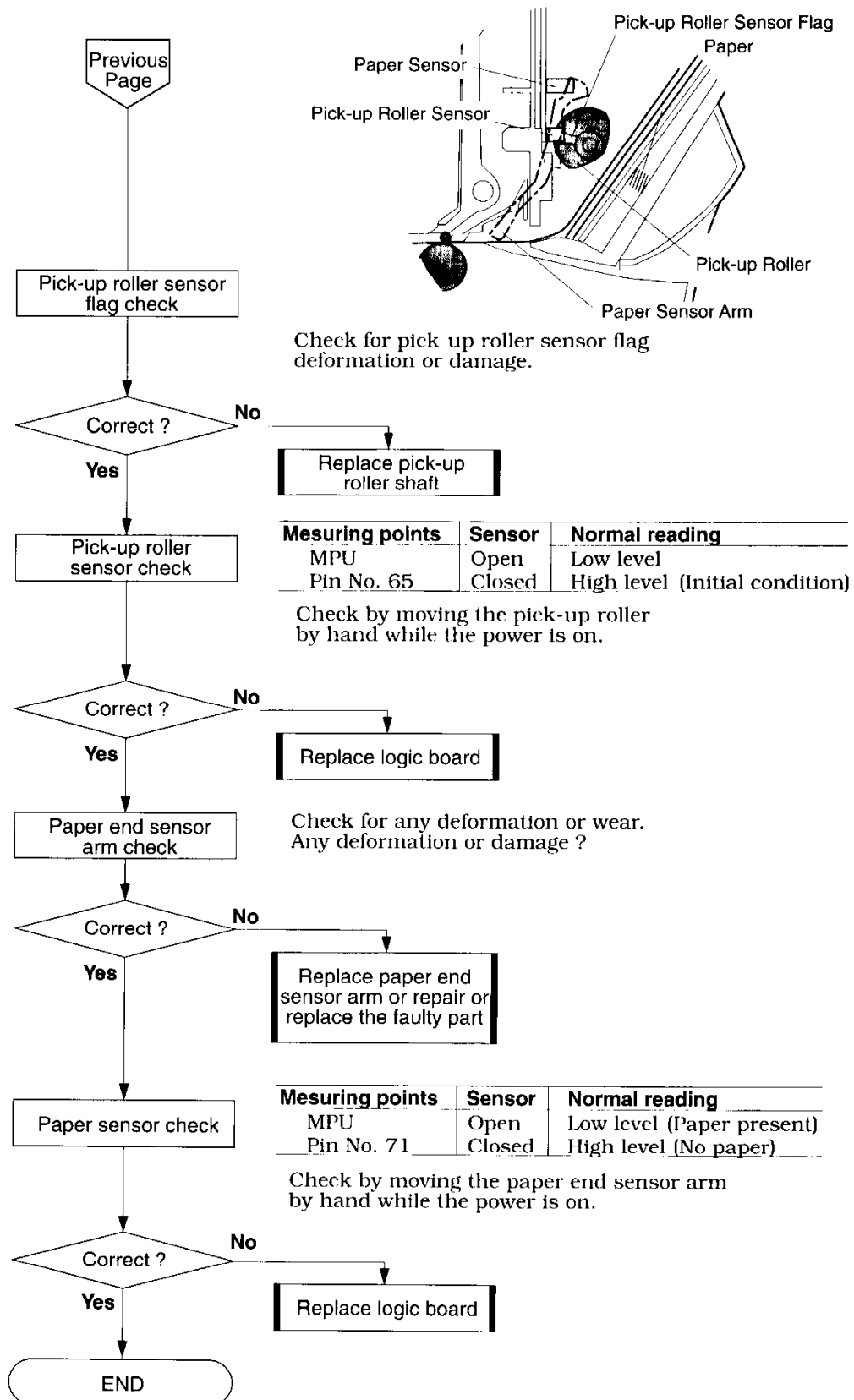
5. Paper Feed Error/Paper Jam

<Cause> •The paper feed operation is executed but the paper is not fed.
•The paper eject operation is executed but the paper is not ejected

<Suspected Parts> Paper feed mechanism, pick-up roller sensor, paper end sensor, logic board

<Measure>





6. Waste Ink Full Error

<Cause> The waste ink absorbers' estimated waste ink amount has reached 100%

<Suspected Parts> Waste ink absorbers, logic board

<Measures> 1. Reset the EEPROM and replace the waste ink absorbers.
2. Replace logic board.

7. Temperature Sensor Error

<Cause> Thermistor is abnormal.

<Suspected Parts> Thermistor

<Measures> Replace logic board.

8. Printing Position Correction Error

<Cause> The printing position correction value cannot be detected.

<Suspected Parts> Carriage motor, logic board, home position sensor

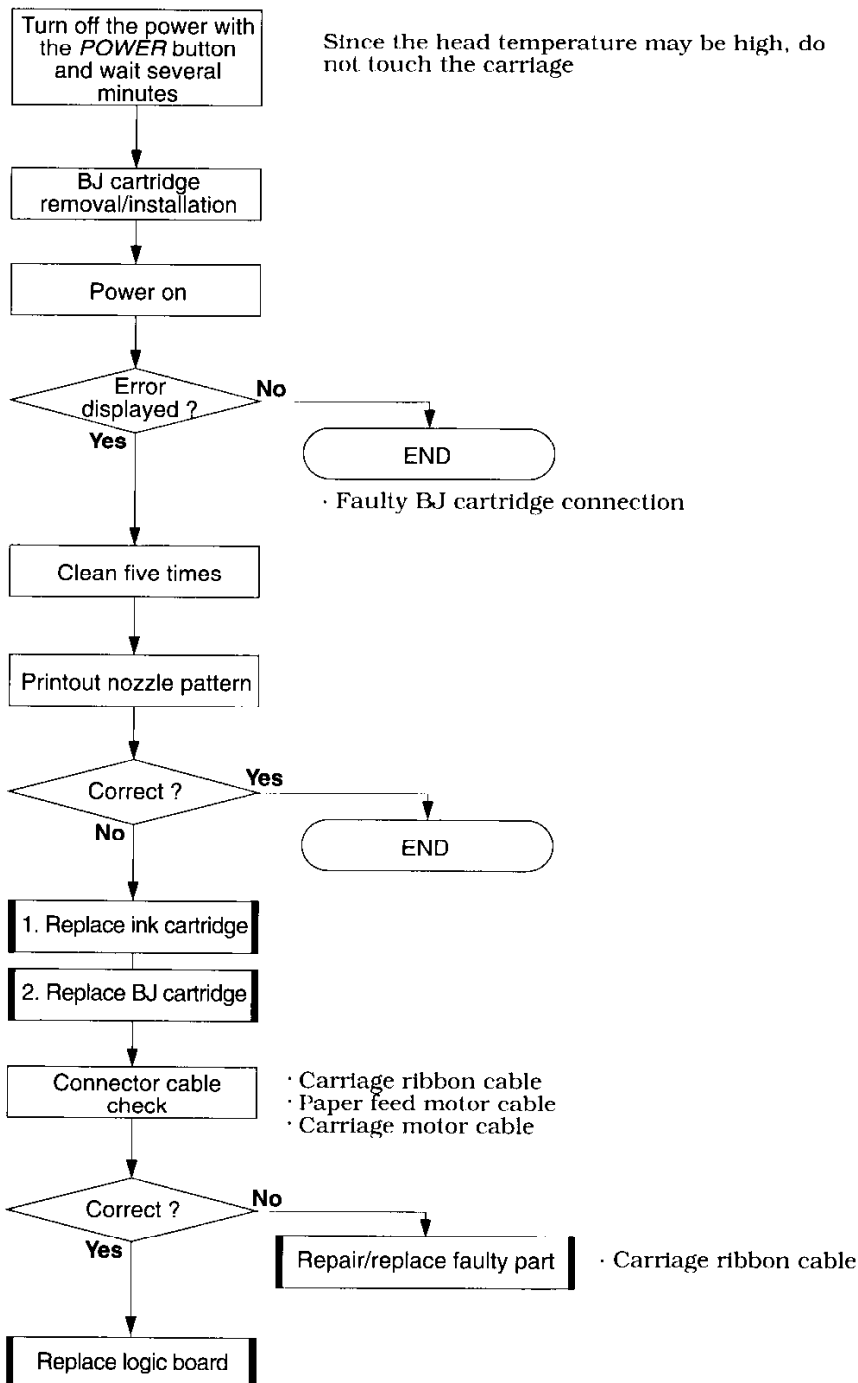
<Measures> See countermeasures for home position sensor error.

9. Head Temperature Error/Head Temperature Sensor Error

<Cause> The head temperature is abnormally high.

<Suspected Parts> BJ cartridge, logic board

<Measure>

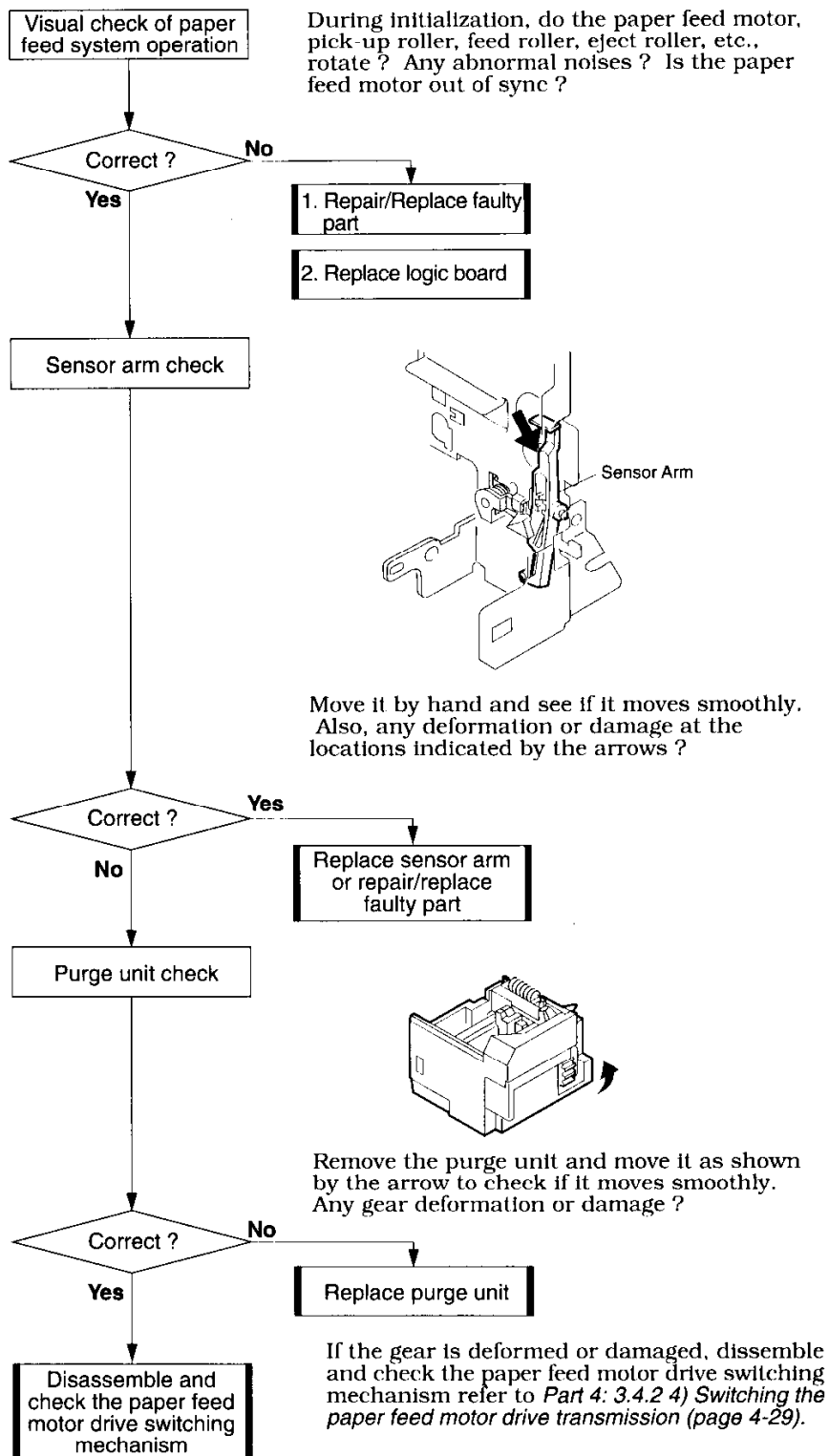


10. Cleaning Error

<Cause> Cleaning is not executed properly or not being detected.

<Suspected Parts> Home position sensor, sensor arm, purge unit, carriage ribbon cable, logic board

<Measure>

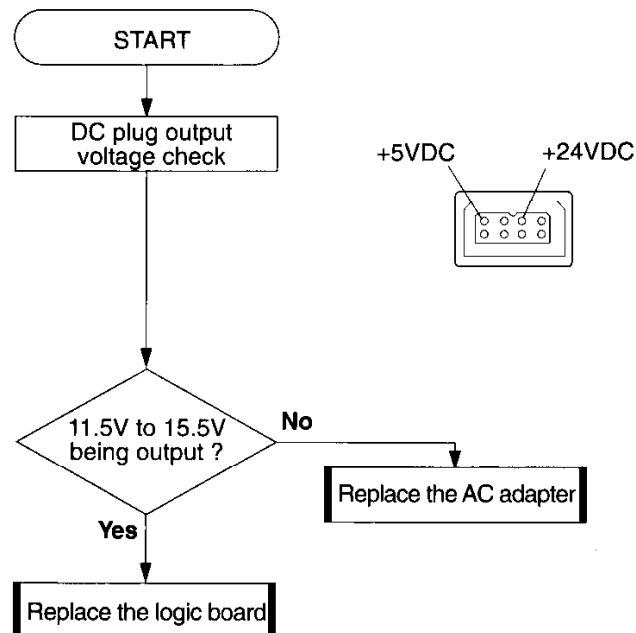


b) Symptoms

1. The Power Does Not Turn On

<Symptom> •The power does not turn on even when the POWER button is pressed.
•Even when DC power is supplied, initialization is not executed.

<Cause> The AC adapter and/or control board is faulty.

<Measure>

2. The Printer Does Not Recognize The BJ Cartridge

<Symptom> •The BJ cartridge installed is not recognized.

•When a BJ cartridge is installed, the carriage moves to the replacement position.

•The installed cartridge is recognized incorrectly.

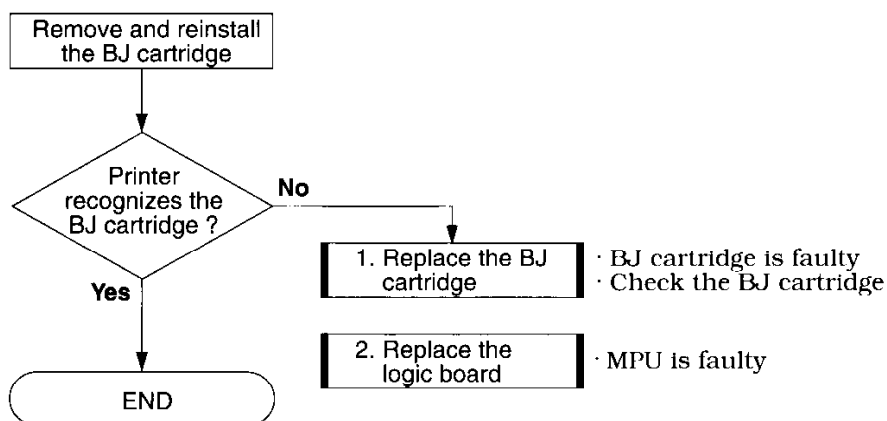
<Cause> •Faulty contacts between the BJ cartridge and carriage.

•The BJ cartridge is faulty.

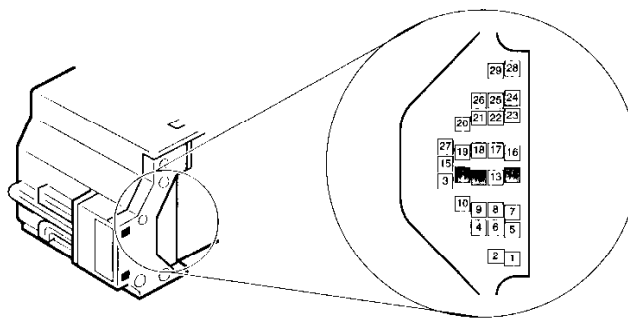
•The carriage ribbon cable is faulty.

•The logic board is faulty.

<Measure>



To confirm that the BJ cartridge is not being recognized correctly, check for conductivity at the check points indicated in the diagram below.



Black BJ Cartridge

Check	Normal reading
Pin No. 11-12	Approximately 0 Ω
Pin No. 11-14	
Pin No. 12-14	

Color BJ Cartridge

Check	Normal reading
Pin No. 11-12	∞
Pin No. 11-14	
Pin No. 12-14	Approximately 0 Ω

Photo BJ Cartridge

Check	Normal reading
Pin No. 11-12	∞
Pin No. 11-14	
Pin No. 12-14	

3. Faulty Printing <1>: No Printing

<Symptom> •The printer does not print at all.

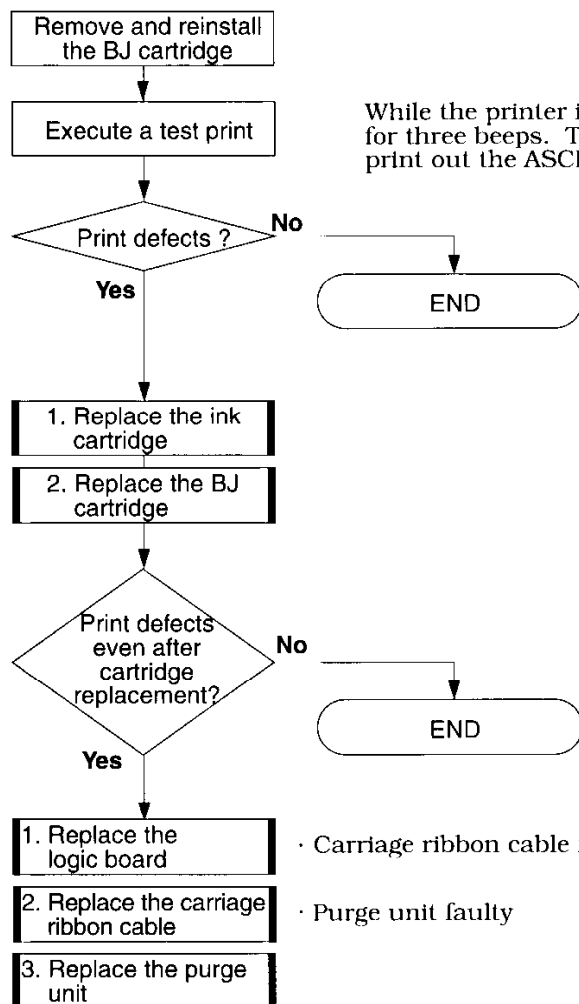
•Printing stops mid-way.

•Only a certain color is printed.

<Cause> •The ink has run out or the BJ cartridge is faulty.

•The control board, the carriage ribbon cable, or the purge unit is faulty.

<Measure>



While the printer is on, hold down the **POWER** button for three beeps. Then release the **POWER** button to print out the ASCII pattern.

END

END

• Carriage ribbon cable faulty

• Purge unit faulty

4 Faulty Printing <2>: White Stripes Appear

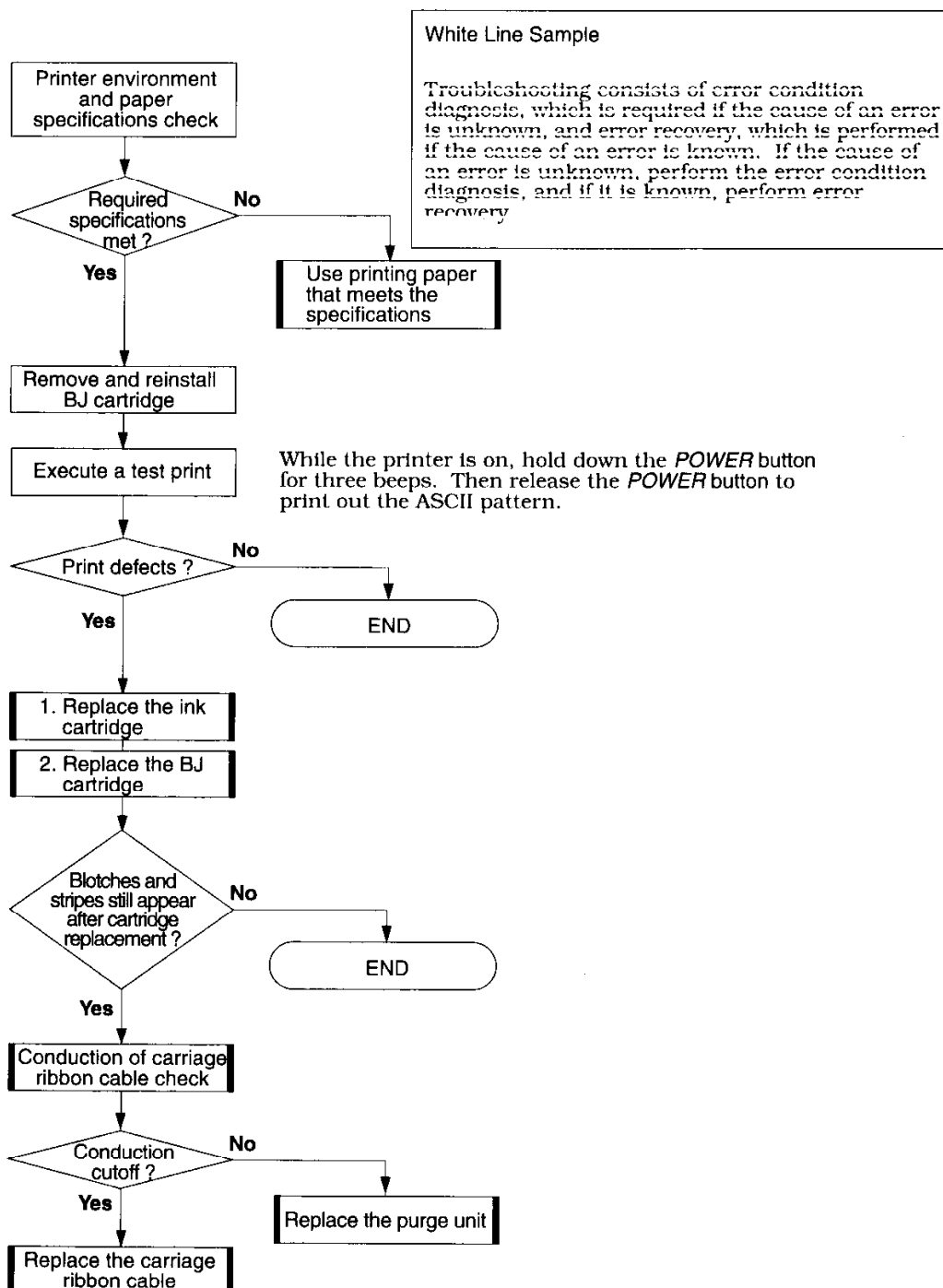
<Symptom>

- There is blotching.
- There are white stripes.
- The specified dots are not printed.

<Cause>

- The BJ cartridge or cartridge contacts are faulty.
- The carriage ribbon cable is faulty.
- The purge unit or paper feed mechanism (missing gear tooth) is faulty.

<Measure>



5 Faulty Printing <3>: Other Print Problems

Symptom	Check Item	Measures
Paper contamination	Ink mist on the platen.	Use a soft cloth moistened with water to clean.
	Ink has clogged around the head's nozzles. (No paper contamination during paper feeding and discharging.)	Clean a few times. If problem persists, replace the BJ cartridge.
	Ink has clogged (or paper bits have stuck) around the purge unit's head wiper or head capping area.	Replace purge unit.
	Ink has adhered to the paper transport system. (The paper is already contaminated by the time it reaches the platen.)	Disassemble the paper transport system and use a soft moist cloth to clean.
Spur tracks appear	Ink has adhered to the spurs.	Use a soft toothbrush to clean.
	The spurs have deformed.	Replace the spurs.
Vertically-oriented printed lines are misaligned.	The BJ cartridge is installed incorrectly.	Reinstall the BJ cartridge correctly.
	The paper thickness lever is not set properly.	Set the lever at the specified position.
	The problem occurs when the user's BJ cartridge (causing the problem) is installed in a normally-operating printer.	Replace the BJ cartridge.
	The head gap has not been set correctly.*	Adjust the head gap. (See 5. <i>Adjustments</i> on page 5-8.)
Corrugated printing	The carriage guide frame is deformed.	Replace the carriage guide frame.
	Frictional wear between the carriage base and carriage shaft.	Replace the carriage unit.
The printout is either light or dark.	Check the printing mode.	Set the desired printing mode.
	The BJ cartridge is faulty.	Replace the BJ cartridge.

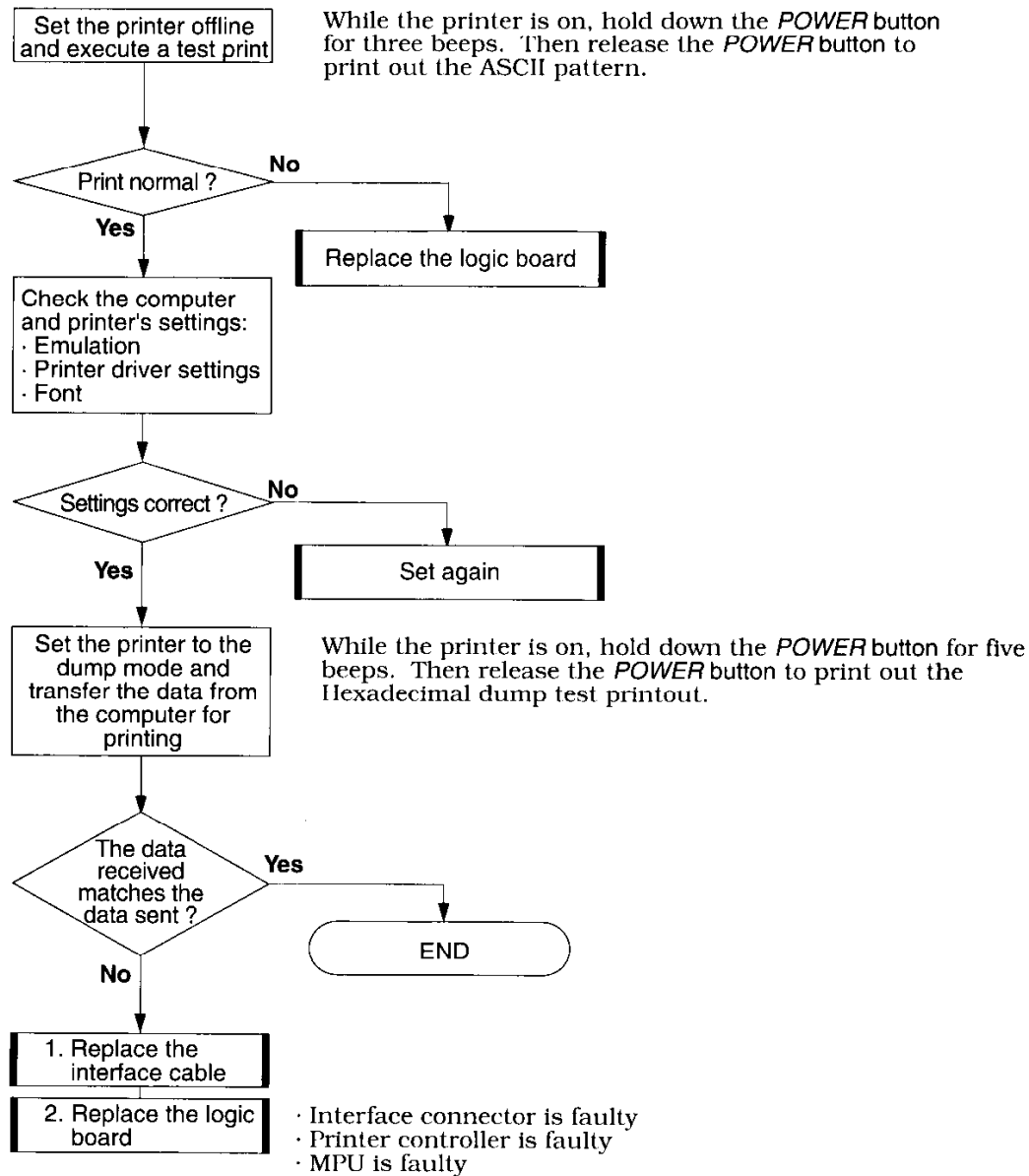
* Checking this is difficult. Readjust the head gap and then check whether it fixes the problem.

6. Faulty Interface

<Symptom> •Nothing is printed.
 •An unspecified font is printed.
 •An unspecified color is printed.

<Cause> •The printer driver setting is faulty.
 •The interface cable is faulty.
 •The printer's logic board is faulty.

<Measure>



7. LOCATION & SIGNAL ASSIGNMENT

7.1 Logic Board

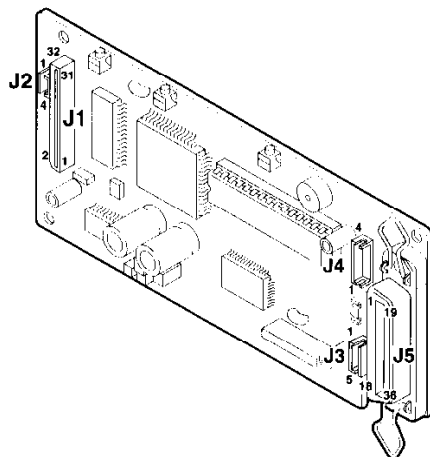


Figure 5-9 Logic Board

J1 (Ribbon cable connector)

Pin No.	Signal name	IN/OUT	Description
1	HVH	...	GND for head drive voltage VH
2	HVH	...	GND for head drive voltage VH
3	HT0	IN	Driver signal for temperature control heater
4	HT1	IN	Driver signal for temperature control heater
5	VH	OUT	Head driver voltage
6	VH	OUT	Head driver voltage
7	W-HT	OUT	Drive signal for temperature control heater
8	Not used		
9	TOP	IN	Detection signal for rank resistance
10	DIODEA	OUT	Head temperature sensor (diode) anode
11	ID0	IN	BJ cartridge detection and recognition signal
12	ID1	IN	BJ cartridge detection and recognition signal
13	Not used		
14	HVss	...	Head's logic drive voltage HVdd GND
15	HENB0(Y)	OUT	Heat enable
16	Even ENB	OUT	Even nozzle heat enable
17	HENB1(M)	OUT	Heat enable
18	HENB3(B)	OUT	Heat enable
19	Odd ENB	OUT	Odd nozzle heat enable
20	BENB0	OUT	Block enable generation signal
21	BENB1	OUT	Decoder output signal
22	BENB2	OUT	
23	HVdd	OUT	IC drive voltage (+5 V)
24	HCLK	OUT	Print data transfer signal
25	HLATCH	OUT	Timing signal for print data to latch
26	HRES	OUT	Latch reset signal
27	HENB2(C)	OUT	
28	HDATA	OUT	Printing data
29	DIODEK	IN	Head temperature sensor (diode) cathode
30	HPO	IN	Home position sense High/ Low(sense)
31	HPG	...	Ground
32	HPA	OUT	Photo LED drive

J2 (Carriage motor connector)

Pin No.	Signal name	IN/OUT	Description
1	CRA	OUT	Carriage motor phase A
2	CRA	OUT	Carriage motor phase A
3	CRB	OUT	Carriage motor phase B
4	CRB	OUT	Carriage motor phase B

J3 (Paper feed motor connector)

Pin No.	Signal name	IN/OUT	Description
1	LFB	OUT	Paper feed motor phase B
2	LFA	OUT	Paper feed motor phase A
3	VM	...	Common
4	LFA	OUT	Paper feed motor phase A
5	LFB	OUT	Paper feed motor phase B

J4 (DC power connector)

Pin No.	Signal name	IN/OUT	Description
1	Vcc	IN	5 VDC
2	GND	...	Ground
3	GND	...	Ground
4	VH	IN	24 VDC

J5 (Interface connector)

Pin No.	Signal name	IN/OUT	Description
1	STROBE	IN	See Part2 for details
2	DATA1	IN	
3	DATA2	IN	
4	DATA3	IN	
5	DATA4	IN	
6	DATA5	IN	
7	DATA6	IN	
8	DATA7	IN	
9	DATA8	IN	
10	ACKNLG	OUT	
11	BUSY	OUT	
12	P.E.	OUT	
13	SELECT	OUT	
14	AUTO FEED XT	IN	
15	N.C	...	
16	INIT	IN	
17	GND	...	
18	N.C	...	
19	STROBE-RET	...	
20	DATA1-RET	...	
21	DATA2-RET	...	
22	DATA3-RET	...	
23	DATA4-RET	...	
24	DATA5-RET	...	
25	DATA6-RET	...	
26	DATA7-RET	...	
27	DATA8-RET	...	
28	ACKNLG-RET	...	
29	BUSY-RET	...	
30	P.E.-RET	...	
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32	ERROR	OUT	
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34	N.C	...	
35	+5.0V	...	
36	SELECT IN	IN	

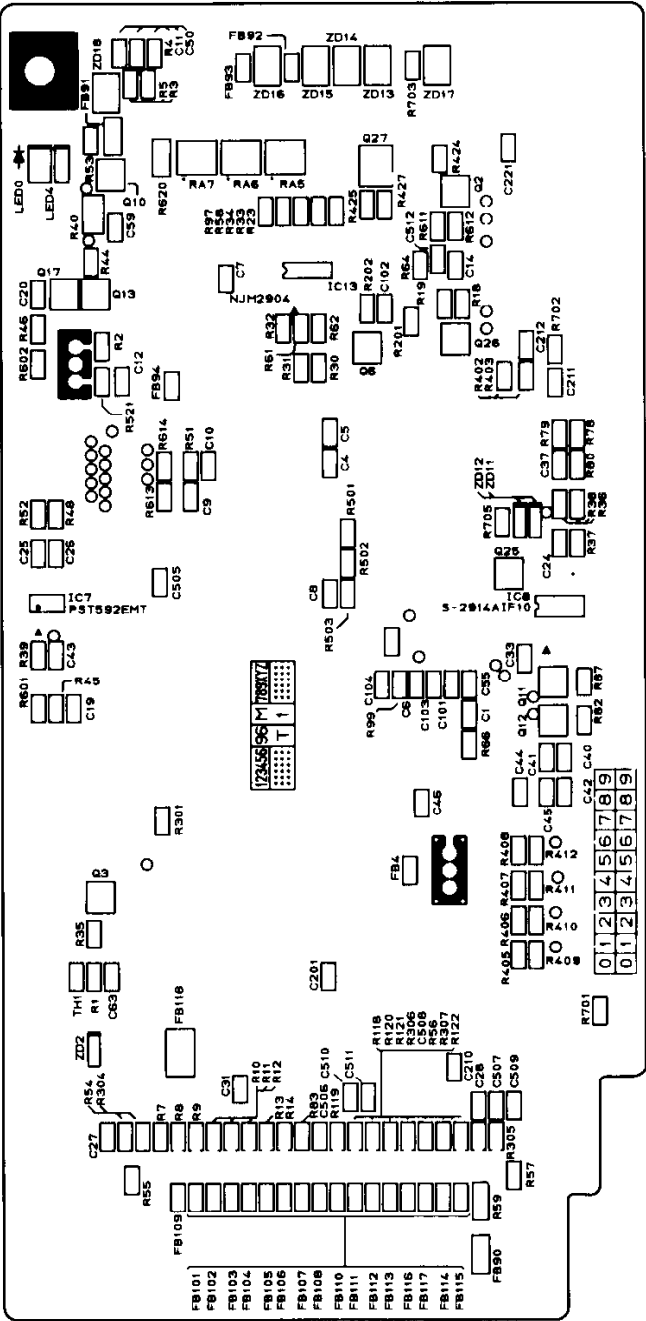


Figure 5-11 Logic Board (Bottom View)